

SAMPLE MAYORAL/GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Whereas, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in electrical accidents;

Whereas, there are, on average, 500 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires;

Whereas, nearly three people are electrocuted in the home and five more in the workplace each week;

Whereas, property damage due to home fires caused by electrical distribution, appliances and equipment, and heating and air conditioning systems amounts to nearly \$1.6 billion annually;

Whereas, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injury or death to thousands of people each year;

Whereas, citizens are encouraged to check their home and workplace for possible electrical hazards to help protect lives and property;

Whereas, citizens are encouraged to test their smoke detectors and ground fault circuit interrupters monthly and after every major electrical storm;

Whereas, the efforts of the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) promote and educate the public about the importance of respecting electricity and practicing electrical safety in the home, school and workplace; and

Whereas, [your organization] is actively helping to move this effort forward in order to reduce the number of electrical injuries and deaths from electrical hazards;

Now, therefore, I [Mayor/Governor's name], [Mayor/Governor] of [city/town/state/province], do hereby proclaim May as Electrical Safety Month. This month observes the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school and workplace to decrease electrical hazards, injuries, and property damage, and to prevent deaths.

I call upon the people of this [city/town/state/province] to participate in Electrical Safety Month activities and to conduct an electrical safety check of their home, school and workplace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this [number] day of [month, year].