

Office of The Mayor:

Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Granite Quarry; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

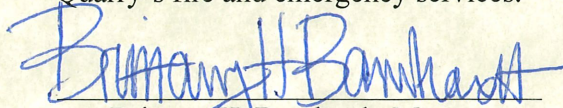
WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

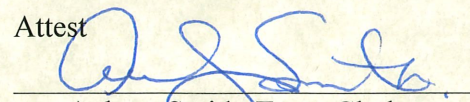
WHEREAS, Granite Quarry first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout Granite Quarry and I urge all the residents of Granite Quarry to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Granite Quarry’s fire and emergency services.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Attest


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk