



## Resolution

### *Stove Top Cooking Technology*

**WHEREAS**, Cooking equipment is the leading cause of residential fires and home fire injuries in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Unattended cooking and combustibles too close to the cooking surface, such as towels, paper products, etc., are major contributing factors to these fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Unattended cooking is the leading factor contributing to cooking fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fire injuries, These fires accounted for 40% of all reported home structure fires and 36% of home civilian injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Ranges are the leading type of cooking equipment involved in these fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Education and code enforcement alone have not yielded the desired results when it comes to elimination cooking fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Tested affordable technology for electric coil ranges exist to significantly reduce the number of these fires and burned food incidents by reducing the high end temperature at which burners operate with no appreciable difference in cooking times or quality; and

**WHEREAS**, High-end heat regulation technology currently available reduces the amount of energy used by the range by as much as 50%;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association supports this cooking system technology and further supports a modification of state and federal agency regulations to allow for new fire safety technology to be utilized and will promote it in an effort to reduce or eliminate stovetop cooking fires.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the President of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the Official Seal of the Association to be hereunto affixed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

Charles Werner, President

