



PROCLAMATION



Fire Prevention Week October 3 - 9, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting DeKalb; 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, smoke alarms detect smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have just seconds to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms save lives by providing early warning of fire so you and your family can safely escape; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public fire safety education; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb do hereby proclaim October 3 through October 9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge all the people of DeKalb to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of DeKalb's fire and emergency services.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 27th day of September 2021.

COHEN BARNES, Mayor