



PROCLAMATION



Fire Prevention Week October 9 – 15, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; 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, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

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

WHEREAS, DeKalb 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 (CO) 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 protection education; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.," effectively serves to remind DeKalb residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout DeKalb, and I urge all the people of DeKalb to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of DeKalb's fire and emergency services.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 26th day of September 2022.

Cohen Barnes, Mayor