



PROCLAMATION



Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb, Illinois, 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, DeKalb's residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

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

WHEREAS, DeKalb's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb's residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place;

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

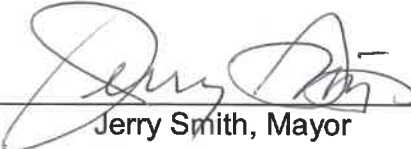
WHEREAS, DeKalb's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim October 7th - 13th, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and urge all the people of DeKalb to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of DeKalb's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2018.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 24th day of September, 2018.


Jerry Smith, Mayor