

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting ; and

**WHEREAS**, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; 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**, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as

## Fire Prevention Week

and encourage residents to embrace public fire safety education and take proactive steps to protect themselves and their homes from fire. 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.

Signed and sealed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

  
**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON



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