

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city, and our first responders are dedicated to reducing the number of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 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 two minutes to escape safely, and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Appleton residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond since 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, Appleton residents should be sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all household members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Appleton residents responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021, as

Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all the residents to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" for Fire Prevention Week 2021, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Appleton Fire Department.

Signed and sealed this 13th day of October 2021.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON