

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 2,580 people 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 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 carbon monoxide 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 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," effectively serves to remind us it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as

Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all the residents to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Appleton Fire Department.



Signed and sealed this 29th day of September 2022.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON