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Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week 2019

PROCLAMATION  
Fire Prevention Week  
October 6-12, 2019

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, The fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, When the smoke alarm sounds City of Ann Arbor residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, A home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, A home fire escape plan should be developed by all members of the household and practiced twice a year to ensure that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor’s firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home

fire and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™” effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week, in the City of Ann Arbor and encourage our community to develop a home fire escape plan and to participate in the many public safety activities provided by the City of Ann Arbor’s fire and emergency services during the 2019 Fire Prevention Week.

I hereby set my hand and seal  
This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

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Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor