

# PROCLAMATION

## Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the city of Carson City, Nevada is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Carson City; 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**, 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 majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; 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 Carson City residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City'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**, Carson City's residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone;

**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.

**THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Carson City 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 Carson City's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.



Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

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Robert L. Crowell, Mayor