

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

**PROCLAIMING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND
FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY**

Whereas:

Fire Prevention Week signifies a time for all of us to ensure the safety and security of our homes from fire by installing and checking the working order of our smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS:

fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our homes are where we are at the greatest risk; and

WHEREAS:

in 2012 fire departments responded to 365,000 home fires and home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS:

three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in houses without working smoke alarms and in one-fifth of all the homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS:

smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS:

first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and protection education and it is proper that the citizens should set aside a day honoring those who have been injured and killed as a result of their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lance Westcamp, Mayor of the City of Groveport, Ohio do hereby proclaim the week of October 5th – 11th, 2014 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK and encourage all citizens to observe the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month" which effectively serves to remind us we need working smoke alarms to give us time to get out safely during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.**

I further proclaim Sunday, October 5th, 2014, as **FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Lance Westcamp

Lance Westcamp, Mayor
City of Groveport

