

## Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**Whereas:**

*the city of Groveport, Ohio is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Groveport; 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:**

*according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), local fire departments responded to 1,353,500 fires in the United States in 2021. These fires caused 3,800 civilian deaths; 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*

**WHEREAS:**

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

**WHEREAS:**

*residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*families who plan and practice a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*Groveport residents need to make sure smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and*

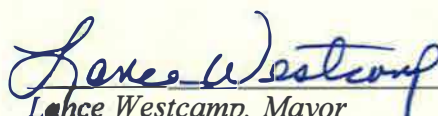
**WHEREAS:**

*first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, and residents responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase fire safety, especially in their homes.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lance Westcamp, Mayor of the City of Groveport, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week and urge all of our residents to observe this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively serving to remind us to plan and practice a home fire escape strategy to support the public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



  
Lance Westcamp, Mayor  
City of Groveport