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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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

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

according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), home fires killed more than 2,770 people, and fire departments responded to 339,500 home fires in the United States in 2019; and

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

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

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

making 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 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and urge all of our residents to observe this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" effectively serving to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



