



## 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:**

*in 2016 more than 1.3 million fires were reported by fire departments resulting in an estimated 3,390 civilian deaths, the highest number of fatalities since 2008 in the United States; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breath within moments; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; 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*

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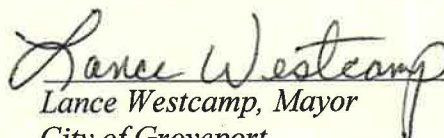
*first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and protection education; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household and practicing twice a year ensures that everyone knows what to do in a real fire.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lance Westcamp, Mayor of the City of Groveport, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week and urge all of our residents to observe this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look, Listen, Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere." which effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of looking for places fire can start, listening for the sound of the smoke alarm and learning two way's out of each room.**

**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 Eighteen.**

  
Lance Westcamp, Mayor  
City of Groveport

