



## 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 2015 fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires that resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in the United States; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*newer homes are built with light weight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe 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:**

*a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and*

**WHEREAS:**

*a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; 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 8-14, 2017 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** and urge all of our residents to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year and to observe this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" which effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.**



  
Lance Westcamp, Mayor  
City of Groveport