



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

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:

home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS:

the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS:

when the smoke alarm sounds residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS:

residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS:

families should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows and should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including children; and

WHEREAS:

families should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS:

parents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them, and make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS:

home fire escape plans should be developed by all households and practiced twice a year to ensure 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 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week and urge all of our residents to observe this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" which serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire and to be aware of our surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, and respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



Lance Westcamp

Lance Westcamp, Mayor
City of Groveport