

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 2014 U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home fires that killed 2,745 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and

WHEREAS:

three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS:

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

WHEREAS:

many Americans don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS:


all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years. The age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

WHEREAS:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lance Westcamp, Mayor of the City of Groveport, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK and urge all of our residents to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old and to observe the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" which effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.


Lance Westcamp, Mayor
City of Groveport