

RESOLUTION 2016 - 16

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-15, 2016
AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason, Ohio is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Mason; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,860 people in the United States in 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 494,000 home fires; and

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

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Mason's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Mason's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Mason's 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, Mason's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Mason's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait, Check the Date", all smoke alarms 10 years old should be replaced.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1 That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims the week of October 9-15, 2016 as National Fire Prevention Week.

Section 2 That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 12th day of September, 2016.

Attest:

Mayor

Clerk of Council