

RESOLUTION 2003-17

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 5-11, 2003
AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND OCTOBER 5, 2003
AS NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are all part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing and addressing the leading cause of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, residents can greatly reduce their risk of experiencing a home fire; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of this community greatly depends on the City's fire protection facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the City of Mason Fire Department are dedicated to the saving of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the day of October 5, 2003 as the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, a day to honor firefighters and emergency personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal, state and local buildings to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community;

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

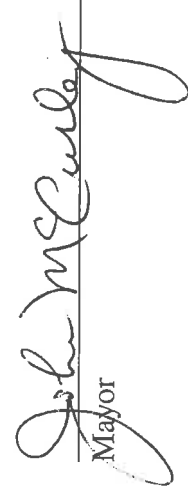
Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio hereby designates and proclaims October 5-11, 2003 as "National Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Mason.

Section 2. That all citizens and civic organizations of the City of Mason are encouraged to recognize the contributions which the City of Mason Fire Department makes every day to the health, safety and well-being of the community.


Section 3. That the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio hereby designates and proclaims October 5, 2003 as "National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Day" in the City of Mason.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law;

Passed this 22nd day of September 2003.



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk of Council