

RESOLUTION 2012 - 17

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7–13, 2012
AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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 more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires in 2010; 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, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, and

WHEREAS, one-third of American households estimate that they think they have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less, and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; 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 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Have Two Ways Out!” effectively serves to remind us to develop and practice a home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

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 7–13, 2012 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 8th day of October, 2012.

Attest:

Mayor

Clerk of Council