

*City of Albany*  
*Proclamation*

**IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2018**

**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 2,735 people in the United States in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 352,000 home fires with the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occurring at home each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and Albany's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Albany's residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to a designated meeting place; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes October 7-13, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and urge all the people of Albany to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Albany's Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week 2018.

  
PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR