

City of Albany
Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all living in and visiting Albany; 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 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds occupants may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape drills should be practiced at least twice a year, during the day and at night, and children should be taught to escape on their own in the event of a fire in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, it is always important to “get out and stay out”, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things during a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™” effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Albany, and urges all the people of Albany to take the time to practice home fire escape drills, be aware of surroundings and exits in the event of a fire or other emergency, and respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately.