

WHEREAS, the City of Albany 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, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented through its research a significant increase in home candle fires, even as most other causes of home fires have steadily declined; and

WHEREAS, Albany's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education - "When You Go Out, Blow Out!"; and

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

WHEREAS, using proper care with candles will have a positive effect on the home fire problem; and

WHEREAS, each candle fire that is prevented in Albany is an opportunity to prevent painful injury and costly property damage; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Use Candles with Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that, I Robert Good, Mayor do hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2005 as Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Albany to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2005, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Albany fire and emergency services.

ROBERT GOOD
MAYOR

