

Proclamation



“Fire Prevention Week” October 7 to 13, 2018

WHEREAS; Fire Prevention Week is October 7 to 13, 2018 and is a vital public service; with members of North Port Fire Rescue committed to ensure the safety and security of all those living in, doing business and visiting North Port; and

WHEREAS; fire is a serious public safety concern and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; home fires killed 2,735 people in the United States in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the US responded to 352,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS; the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and residents should **“LOOK”** and identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and use working smoke alarms to cut the risk of dying in home fires in half; and

WHEREAS; North Port residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home; and should **“LISTEN”** for the sound of the smoke alarm responding immediately by going outside to a designated meeting place; and residents who **“LEARN”** two ways out of every room and have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS; North Port 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, We, the Commissioners of the City of North Port, Florida do hereby proclaim October 7 to 13, 2018, as:

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throughout this community. We urge all residents of North Port 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 North Port Fire Rescue during Fire Prevention Week 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of October 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Kathryn Peto
Interim City Clerk

Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Linda M. Yates, Vice-Mayor

Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner

Jill Luke, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner