

Proclamation

City of North Port



Whereas, Fire Prevention Week is October 6 to 12, 2019 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 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, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

Whereas, when the smoke alarm sounds North Port residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

Whereas, North Port 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, North Port residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

Whereas, North Port residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

Whereas, North Port residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

Whereas, North Port residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; 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, WE, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 6 to 12, 2019, as

Fire Prevention Week

and urge all the people 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's Fire Rescue during Fire Prevention Week 2019.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of October 2019.


ATTEST

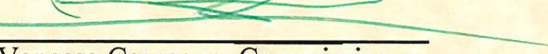

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