



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** approximately 3,500 Americans die in fires annually, more than all other natural disasters combined; and
- WHEREAS:** Fire causes over \$14 billion in annual property loss in the United States, including \$4.3 million in Winston-Salem during 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** The Winston-Salem Fire Department responded to 341 building fires in 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** the proliferation of synthetic furnishings in the modern fire environment has reduced the time to escape a residential fire to less than four minutes; and
- WHEREAS:** Fire Prevention Week is observed during the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls, coinciding with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871; and
- WHEREAS:** the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme is “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!”; and
- WHEREAS:** The Winston-Salem Fire Department conducts more than 500 fire prevention programs annually, but is particularly focused on fire prevention during the entire month of October.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of October, 2017.

ALLEN JOINES

Mayor