



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** The City of Winston-Salem 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 the greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS:** Home fires caused 2,580 deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association ® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires; and
- WHEREAS:** Smoke alarms sense smoke well before humans can, alerting people to the danger in the event of fire in which they have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and
- WHEREAS:** Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS:** City of Winston-Salem residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and
- WHEREAS:** City of Winston-Salem 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:** City of Winston-Salem residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.™,” effectively serves to remind City residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

and I urge all residents of the City of Winston-Salem to plan and practice a home fire escape plan twice per year.

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of October 2022.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor