



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton, Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Appleton; and 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® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and the City of Appleton has experienced 42 building fires, with a total fire loss value of \$1,393,434 to date in 2019; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Appleton's residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and 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 residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Appleton's residents should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, Appleton's 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 should practice using different ways out; and in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and

WHEREAS, Appleton's residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

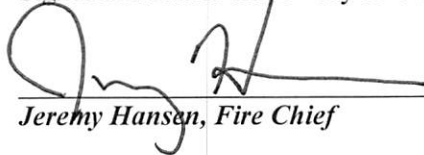
WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim October 6th – 12th, 2019 as

Fire Prevention Week

in Appleton and urge all the people of Appleton 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 Appleton fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

Signed and sealed this, 2nd day of October, 2019.



Jeremy Hansen, Fire Chief



Timothy M. Hanna, Mayor

