

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to ensuring the safety 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, a majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and Appleton has experienced 65 building fires, with a total fire loss value of \$739,472 to date in 2020; and

WHEREAS, when a smoke alarm sounds, residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and those who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more likely to survive; 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 residents should practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and should use different escape routes; and in an actual fire should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and should teach children to escape on their own; and

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

WHEREAS, Appleton 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

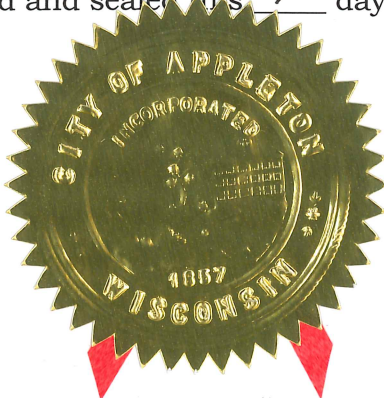
WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" reminds us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 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 support public safety efforts during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of October 2020.




JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON