

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week

October 6-12, 2019

- WHEREAS, Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and national, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 355,400 home fires per year resulting in an annual average of 2,560 civilian fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS, Newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions, with many of today's products and furnishings producing toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and
- WHEREAS, These conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and
- WHEREAS, Garden Grove residents are responsive to public education and outreach measures and can take personal steps 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 educate the public about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe; and
- WHEREAS, It is important for Garden Grove residents to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year.
- NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through October 12, 2019, as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Garden Grove.

October 8, 2019

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