

Official Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, 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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan 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, Ketchikan residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan 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 Ketchikan it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Dave Kiffer Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK THROUGHOUT THE STATE

and I urge all the people of the City of Ketchikan to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2022

David Kiffer, Mayor

City of Ketchikan, Alaska