

City Of Gary Proclamation

National Fire Prevention Week

October 7-13, 2018

WHEREAS, The City of Gary is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all Gary residents and those visiting the City of Gary; and

WHEREAS, Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the location where people are at greatest risk of injury or death from fires; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated 1,342,000 fires. These fires caused 3,390 civilian deaths and 14,650 civilian injuries. In the same year, 69 firefighters were fatally injured and 62,084 firefighters experienced non-fatal injuries while on duty; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic October 8 and October 9, 1871 conflagration that killed an estimated 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, burned more than 2,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, The 2018 Fire Prevention Week Theme is, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware Fire Can Happen Anywhere." The Gary Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau will educate Gary youth during Fire Prevention Week hosting Fire Safety presentations at the YWCA and the John Will Anderson Boys and Girls Club on October 11 & 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half. Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms or without working smoke alarms- usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when most people are sleeping.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of the City of Gary, Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week in the city, and urge all residents to install smoke alarms and alert devices-*being mindful of the hearing impaired* in every bedroom; outside each sleeping area; and on every level of the home, including the basement. Further I urge residents to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Gary's Fire Department and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2018.



Karen Freeman-Wilson
Mayor, City of Gary









