

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2017 AS
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IN
THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions with many of today's products and furnishings that produce 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, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household and that practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

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

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That the Colorado Springs City Council, hereby proclaims the month of October 2017, as **FIRE PREVENTION MONTH** throughout this City, and urges the

people of Colorado Springs to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department during Fire Prevention Month 2017.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk