

RESOLUTION NO. 86-19

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2019 AS
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF COLORADO
SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Colorado Springs; 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 killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires and the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Colorado Springs residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety so Colorado Springs 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, Colorado Springs residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors, at least twice a year, during the day and at night using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and


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

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

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


Section 1. That the Colorado Springs City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2019, as FIRE PREVENTION MONTH throughout this city, and urge all the people of Colorado Springs 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 to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department during Fire Prevention Month 2019.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 24th day of September, 2019.



Council President

ATTEST:


Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk
