

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2018 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 and buildings are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older 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 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, 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, any fire escape plan includes always knowing of two exits from every room or building; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone will meet upon exiting; and

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 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere" effectively serves to remind the public that fires can and do happen at home and other places and that there are steps that every family member can take to remain safe.

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 2018, as **FIRE PREVENTION MONTH** throughout this City, and urges the people of Colorado Springs to develop fire and emergency plans with all members of the household and practice twice a year and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department during Fire Prevention Month 2018.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk