

2024 City of Key West Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Key West; 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 more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 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, residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

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

WHEREAS, Key West Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, residents who 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!” effectively serves to remind us of the importance of educating everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this City, and I urge all the people of Key West to remember “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!” for Fire Prevention Week 2024, support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Key West Fire Department.