



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 2,755 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, Key West's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Key West's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of Key West do hereby proclaim
October 4-10, 2015, as

Fire Prevention Week

Throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Key West every bedroom, outside to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Key West Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2015.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of. October 2015.

Craig Cates, Mayor