



## 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 fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments being 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds, Key West's residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and those who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards and should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room; and

WHEREAS, Key West's residents should teach children to escape on their own if adults can't help them, make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 from a phone, should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly, and never go back inside the home for any reason; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week 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.

THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout this city, and I urge all residents and visitors 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 Key West's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 2019,

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Teri Johnston, Mayor