



## 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, 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, and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, providing an alert in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, residents should make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; 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, 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 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" effectively serves to remind us of the importance of developing a home fire escape plane with all members of your household.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2022, as

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States."

and we urge all the people of Key West to "Develop a Fire Escape Plan," and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Key West Fire Department

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of October 2022.

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Teri Johnston, Mayor