



Proclamation

To recognize October 9th - 15th as Fire Prevention Week.

WHEREAS, the city of Lake Alfred is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City. 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, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms and one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep which is why residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half, therefore residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; 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, Lake Alfred first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, 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 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely. Smoke Alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize October 9th -15th, 2016 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Lake Alfred and encourage all citizens to find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm, and replace them every 10 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand this 3rd day of October, 2016.

Charles O. Lake, Mayor
City of Lake Alfred, Florida