



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Bastrop; 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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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, the fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was fifteen (15) percent higher in 2021 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop's residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Bastrop's residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop 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, Bastrop first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention, protection, and education; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop residents should make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." Effectively serves to remind all Bastrop residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Connie B. Schroeder, do hereby proclaim October 9th through October 15th as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

And I urge all the people of Bastrop to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety efforts and activities of the Bastrop Fire Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 20th day of September 2022.



Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor