

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 4th – 10th, 2026 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, WI

WHEREAS, Joe Hammer, City of Columbus Mayor has proclaimed Sunday, October 4th through Saturday, October 10th, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Columbus Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the rechargeable electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries and devices; and

WHEREAS, the way lithium-ion battery devices are charged can make a difference in helping prevent home fires; and

WHEREAS, safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged, and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to understand that safe charging means making smart choices every time they plug in; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Columbus 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 2026 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower,” serves to remind all residents that safe charging can help reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council calls upon each resident and visitor of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin to make sure their homes are safe from Lithium-Ion Battery fires and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Columbus Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin that the week of October 4th through October 10th, 2026, is hereby proclaimed:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin do hereby commend the Columbus Fire Department for its outstanding efforts and service in the protection of the Residents of the City of Columbus and particularly for its efforts during Fire Prevention Week.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026

CITY OF COLUMBUS, Columbia County,
State of Wisconsin

Joseph Hammer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Caine, Clerk