

PROCLAMATION

‘CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERY’ DAY

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

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire; and

WHEREAS, Daylight-saving time begins Sunday March 13th and marks the 35th anniversary of the “Change Your Clock Change Your Battery” program which reminds us to change and test the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The message is simple and the habit can be lifesaving.

WHEREAS, this one easy step can help save lives and the lives of those around us. Everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour they “gain” from daylight-saving time to change the batteries in their own smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same.

WHEREAS, communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year, but, everyone can work together to help reduce the number of home fire fatalities. Approximately every three hours a home fire death occurs somewhere in the nation and 66 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn or missing batteries.

WHEREAS, eighty percent of child fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms. It’s a tragic statistic that could be reduced by adopting the simple habit of the “Change Your Clock, Change your Battery” program.

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of the City of Deadwood have deemed it necessary to declare March 13, 2022 as “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” Day to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Deadwood SD by fires.

THEREFORE, I David R. Ruth Jr., Mayor of Deadwood do hereby proclaim March 13, 2022 as “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” Day, in the City of Deadwood and I urge all people of Deadwood to protect their homes and families by checking their smoke detectors and assuring that they are in good working order, and have fully charged batteries, and to support the many activities and efforts of Deadwood’s fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of March, 2022.

David R. Ruth Jr., Mayor