



## PROCLAMATION

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, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and cooking leads to nearly half of home fires involving cooking equipment.

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. About one in five smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries.

WHEREAS, in fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 91% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 75% of the time.

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association and Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deadwood's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Deadwood's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2025 - ,October 5-11 theme," Charge into Fire Safety Lithium – Ion Batteries in You Home". The Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department actively works to motivate Deadwood's residents to implement to BUY, CHARGE and Recycle your batteries.

THEREFORE, I, Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor of Deadwood do hereby proclaim October 5-11,2025 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all people of Deadwood to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many activities and efforts of Deadwood's fire and emergency services.

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Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor