



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, fire prevention is vital to the safety of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week which has been sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association since 1922, and made a national observance in 1925, making it the longest running public health observance in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of this week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire which began on Oct. 8, 1871, which killed an estimated 300 people, left over 100,000 people homeless, and changed fire prevention and city planning forever; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of time to safely escape a fire has decreased drastically over the last several decades leaving as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms should be in every bedroom, outside all sleeping areas, on each level of the home and there should be two ways out of each room and a pre-planned, static meeting place (i.e., a tree not a car); and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to escape during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and planning so just a few minutes talking to your family, testing smoke alarms, and planning an escape can be the difference between safety and tragedy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2022, as

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

with the theme, *Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.* I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, education, and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th of September, A.D. 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk