



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is October 6 - 12, 2024 and the theme is, “Smoke alarms: make them work for you!” and

WHEREAS, this year’s focus on working smoke alarms is in response to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) data, which shows that the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, having working smoke alarms reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by 54 percent; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) recently responded to a fire in which a man died in a home with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, PFA prioritizes fire prevention through outreach, education, the International Fire Code, and smoke alarm installation events and support. Local firefighters are asking for our help keeping families and the community safe. Be sure to:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of a home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all people in the home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or fail testing – even hardwired alarms need to be replaced because the sensors expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 12, 2024, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of October 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk