



City of Rochelle, Illinois  
Office of the Mayor  
Proclamation

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
**October 6 – 12, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week has been observed since 1922, serving as a vital reminder of the importance of fire safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!™," highlighting the critical role smoke alarms play in saving lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rochelle Fire Department is committed to educating our community about the importance of properly installed and maintained smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for residents to ensure that smoke alarms are installed in every sleeping area, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of their home; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should test smoke alarms monthly, change batteries at least once a year, and replace alarms every 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rochelle Fire Department continues to provide educational resources, demonstrations, and community events to promote the importance of smoke alarms and fire safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **October 6-12, 2024**, as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the City of Rochelle. I encourage all citizens to take action by ensuring their smoke alarms are functional, to educate their families on fire safety, and to support our firefighters in their vital work.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

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RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

