



**Fire Prevention Week  
October 9 – 15, 2022**

City of Rochelle,  
Illinois  
Office of the Mayor  
Proclamation

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

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

**WHEREAS**, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Rochelle residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Rochelle residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Rochelle residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Rochelle first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Rochelle residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, **"Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™,"** effectively serves to remind us it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

**THEREFORE**, I John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2022**, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout the City of Rochelle, and I urge all the people of the City of Rochelle to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Rochelle fire and emergency services.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

