



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

Sound the Alarm Month

Whereas, every day, seven people die in home fires, most often in homes without working smoke alarms; and

Whereas, according to the National Fire Protection Association, one third- of American households surveyed thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire becomes life threatening, but in reality, your home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in just a few minutes; and

Whereas, that is why the American Red Cross is rallying volunteers to install 50,000 free smoke alarms nationwide, as part of our *Sound the Alarm* events: and

Whereas, *Sound the Alarm* promotes having a prepared escape plan with your family, and having at least one working smoke detector on each level and within 15 feet of where a person sleeps: and

Whereas, *Sound the Alarm* is a critical part of the campaign. Through our home visits, we have installed more than 2.2 million free smoke alarms and prepared more than 2.5 million people for home fires: and

Whereas, The Rochelle Fire department is dedicated to helping save lives by partnering with Red cross to help with the *Sound the Alarm* program; and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that I, Mayor John Bearrows, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2022** as **Sound the Alarm Month** in the City of Rochelle and urge all citizens to plan and to practice fire home safety in the month of May and all year long.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Rochelle this 25th day of April 2022.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

