

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

*City of Sedgwick, October 8 - 14, 2023*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sedgwick 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**, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; and

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

**WHEREAS**, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick residents are dedicated to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Fire Prevention theme for this period is "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention."

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan Chapman, Mayor of the City of Sedgwick, do hereby proclaim October 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week; and

**FURTHER**, encourage all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Sedgwick Volunteer Fire Department; and

**FURTHER**, challenge all residents to take responsibility for their fire safety and check their homes and ensure that they have a working smoke alarm on every floor of their house and outside their sleeping areas, as well as at least one working carbon monoxide alarm and have planned and practiced their home escape plan.

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Mayor