

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. Homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2020, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,388,500 fires. These fires caused 3,500 civilian deaths and 15,200 civilian injuries; and

*WHEREAS*, today's homes burn faster than ever. Occupants may have two minutes or less to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. The ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning; and

*WHEREAS*, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation. A home fire escape plan should include two exits from every room in the home, a path to the outside from each exit, smoke alarms in all required locations and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

*WHEREAS*, the home fire escape plan should address everyone in the home including children, older adults, and people with disabilities who may need assistance to wake up and get out; and

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

*WHEREAS*, residents are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes. The 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" serves to educate the public about the vital importance of having a home fire escape plan - and practicing that plan.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

*October 9, 2022 - October 15, 2022*

*Fire Prevention Week*

and I urge all residents and businesses in the City of Tumwater to heed these messages and to support the efforts of the Tumwater Fire Department and other emergency services to keep us safe from fires and in times of medical emergencies.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-two.





Debbie Sullivan

Mayor