

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,345,500 fires in 2015. These fires resulted in 501,500 structural fires causing 2,685 civilian fire fatalities and an estimated \$1.8 billion in property loss; and

**WHEREAS:** the City of Pompano Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

**WHEREAS:** fires can take lives, devastate communities, and destroy our homes and businesses. They pose a threat to Americans across our Nation; and

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

**WHEREAS:** three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS:** when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so, it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

**WHEREAS:** Pompano Beach residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS:** 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:** the City of Pompano Beach's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS:** the 2016 Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15, 2016) theme, "**Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years**" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us time to get out safely.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim October as **Fire Prevention Month** throughout this City. I urge all the people of Pompano Beach to check their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Pompano Beach Fire Rescue during Fire Prevention Week 2016.

**DONE** this 10th day of October, 2016.



  
LAMAR FISHER  
MAYOR