

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Parish; 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, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely; with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation and should be developed by all members of the household; and,

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes 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, St. Charles Parish 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, St. Charles Parish first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM **OCTOBER 8-14, 2017, AS**

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"


IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO DEVELOP A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND PRACTICE IT TWICE A YEAR, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS OF ST. CHARLES PARISH'S FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017.



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