

PROCLAMATION
“Fire Prevention Week”
October 6-12, 2019



WHEREAS: Kittitas County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS: U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home fires in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS: U.S. home fires resulted in 2,630 civilian deaths in 2017, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS: newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

WHEREAS: 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

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: home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS: practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Fire Marshal and first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS: the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” 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 the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community and urge all the people of Kittitas County to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the public safety activities and efforts of Kittitas County fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2019.

**THE KITTITAS COUNTY
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