

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the city of Manitowoc is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Manitowoc; 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, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Manitowoc's residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's 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, Manitowoc's residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action 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 remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of **October 2019**, as

Fire Prevention Month

In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 16th day of September, Two Thousand and Nineteen.


Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

