

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 more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

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

WHEREAS, City of Manitowoc residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, City of Manitowoc 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 residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Manitowoc 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 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme™, "*Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!*" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim October 3rd – 9th, 2021, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout the City of Manitowoc, and I urge all citizens of Manitowoc to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety, and support the many public activities and efforts of Wisconsin's fire and emergency services.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto 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 20th day of September, Twenty Twenty-One.


Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

