

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 remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and
- WHEREAS,** most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and
- WHEREAS,** residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and
- WHEREAS,** lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and
- WHEREAS,** the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and
- WHEREAS,** Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “**Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,**” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim
October 5th – 11th, 2025, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout the City of Manitowoc, and I urge all citizens of Manitowoc to “Charge into 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
15th day of September, Twenty Twenty-Five.


Justin M. Nickels, Mayor