



## *Proclamation*

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our area; 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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association<sup>®</sup> (NFPA<sup>®</sup>) and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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**, Jackson County residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and CO alarms and knows how to respond; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County 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**, Jackson County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week<sup>™</sup> theme is, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”<sup>™</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week and urges everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Jackson County's fire and emergency services.

**ADOPTED** the 4th day of October, 2022.

Attest:

By:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman