



Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6th – 12th

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the county; 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 1,000 home fires reported to US fire departments was four percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Jackson County residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; 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 residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Jackson County residents should practice using different ways out; and

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

WHEREAS, Jackson County 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, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the county and urges all citizens of Jackson County to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Jackson fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

ADOPTED the 1st day of October, 2019.

Attest:

By:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman