



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

PROCLAMATION

of the City of Morgan Hill

Proclaiming

October 8-14, 2017

as

Fire Prevention Week

- WHEREAS,** The City of Morgan Hill, CA is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Morgan Hill; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; *and*
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and
- WHEREAS,** practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; and
- WHEREAS,** Morgan Hill's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** Morgan Hill's 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 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Tate, Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill on behalf of the City Council and all residents, hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week and urge all the people of Morgan Hill to find and develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Morgan Hill's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2017

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Morgan Hill to be affixed this 4th day of October 2017.

Steve Tate, Mayor