



City of Salisbury

North Carolina

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and people are at greatest risk from fire in their homes; and

WHEREAS, home fires claimed the lives of more than 2,580 people in the United States in 2020, and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires according to the National Fire Protection Association®, 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 two minutes to escape safely; and

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

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

WHEREAS, 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, residents should make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education and encourage residents to be responsive to public education measures and to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Prevention Association® celebrates its 100th anniversary with this year's Prevention Week theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.," effectively reminds us it is important to have a fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen K. Alexander, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of October 9 through 15, 2022 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Salisbury, and urge citizens to plan and practice a home fire escape and to support public safety activities and efforts of Salisbury's fire and emergency services.

This the 3rd day of October 2022.

Karen K. Alexander, Mayor