

**RESOLUTION 2016-24**  
**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 15<sup>TH</sup> AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Prairie du Chien; and

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

**WHEREAS**, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home fires in 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and

**WHEREAS**, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent); and

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

**WHEREAS**, many Americans don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

**WHEREAS**, Prairie du Chien's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Prairie du Chien'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 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, along with the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city. I urge all the people of Prairie du Chien to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Prairie du Chien's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2016.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 4th day of October, 2016.

By a vote of: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ against, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstain.

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David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

ATTEST:

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Aaron Kramer, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien