

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, fires, specifically home fires, are a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. In 2016, 475,000 structure fires occurred: resulting in 2,950 civilian deaths, 12,775 civilian injuries, and \$7.9 billion in property damage, according to the U.S. Fire Administration; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme is, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware-fire can happen anywhere.” Look for places fire can start, Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm, and Learn two ways out of each room. Look for exit signage as you enter businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 7-13th, 2018 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urge Sedgwick County residents to have an escape plan for their home, know at least two ways out, have working smoke detectors, and to support public safety activities and efforts of Sedgwick County’s fire and emergency services.

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