



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire. In 1871 the fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871; and

WHEREAS, In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925; and

WHEREAS, Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week is observed to save lives and protect property by keeping the public informed about the importance of fire prevention and the remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 Fire Prevention week takes place October 9 – 15; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively serves to remind us of the importance of having a home fire escape plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkins County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the week of October 9 – 15, 2022 as:

"Fire Prevention Week"

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hopkins County Commissioners Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 10th day of October, 2022.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3
Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4