

West Deptford Township
Proclamation

WHEREAS, West Deptford Township is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living and visiting here and fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,735 people in the United States in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 352,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, West Deptford residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

WHEREAS, West Deptford residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, and when it sounds, respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; 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, our first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education like the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Denice DiCarlo, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week and I urge everyone to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities during Fire Prevention Week 2018.

Presented this 3rd day of October, 2018.


DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR

