



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 7-13, 2012**

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

WHEREAS, 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 more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires; 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, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half have actually practiced it, and

WHEREAS, one-third of Americans households who made one and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less, and

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

WHEREAS, Rochelle and Ogle-Lee first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle area 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 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Have Two Ways Out!" effectively serves to remind us to develop and practice home fire escape plans during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

THEREFORE, I Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **October 7-13, 2012**, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, and I urge all the people of the Rochelle area to practice their home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Rochelle's area fire and emergency services.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Bruce W. McKinney, CMC, City Clerk

