



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 5-11, 2014

WHEREAS, the city of Rochelle, Illinois is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Rochelle; 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 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires; and

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

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle 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, the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "[Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!](#)" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

THEREFORE, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **October 5-11, 2014**, as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Rochelle to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the efforts of Rochelle's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest:

Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk

