



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2018**

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle 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, homes 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, the majority of U.S. fire deaths occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle’s residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; 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 listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by immediately going outside to a designated meeting place; and

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

WHEREAS, 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, I Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle do hereby proclaim **October 7-13, 2018**, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this community and I urge all the people of Rochelle 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 practice fire drills in their homes.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

