



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

**Fire Prevention Week
October 6-12, 2019**

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 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths occur in homes each year; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Rochelle residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; 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, Rochelle residents should practice home fire escape drills at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™” effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I John Bearrows, Mayor of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, 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 support the public safety activities and efforts of Rochelle fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

