



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is committed to helping ensure the health and safety of all those living and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Prevention Association, more than 1.3 million fires were reported by Fire Departments in 2017, resulting in an estimated 3,400 civilian deaths; the highest number of deaths since 2007; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the primary cause of home fires and associated injuries, and carelessness is the leading cause of fire related deaths; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by 50%; and

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 80%; and

WHEREAS, City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; 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

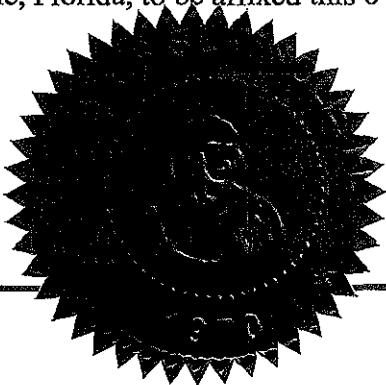
WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "*Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!*"; and


THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim October 6th through October 12th, 2019 as:

"Fire Prevention Week"

and urge all residents of the City of Seminole and the greater Seminole area to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of *Fire Prevention Week 2019*, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts being held by the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2019.




Leslie Waters, Mayor