

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living, working, and visiting Coconut Creek; 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**, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U.S. fire departments responded to 494,500 home fires in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,860 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and

**WHEREAS**, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

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

**WHEREAS**, many Americans don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

**WHEREAS**, Coconut Creek first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of the manufacture on the back of the alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 9-15, 2016

***"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2016"***

in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents of Coconut Creek to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Coconut Creek Fire and Emergency Services during "*Fire Prevention Week 2016*."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 13th day of October 2016.**