

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.**