

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, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; 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, Coconut Creek residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 8-14, 2017, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017"

in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents of Coconut Creek to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Coconut Creek Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 12th day of October 2017.**