



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Santa Rosa; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and

**WHEREAS**, the home is the location where people are at the greatest risk of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, house fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 house fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of fire related deaths in the United States, four out of five, occur at home each year; and

**WHEREAS**, when the smoke alarm sounds, residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa's 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**, all residents of Santa Rosa should practice different escape routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the community has been responsive to public education measures and are taking action to increase fire safety, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!", effectively serves as a reminder that we all need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, urge everyone 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 many public safety activities and efforts of Santa Rosa's Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week and do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019 as

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
October 1, 2019