

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the city of Maitland, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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;
- WHEREAS,** Maitland's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** our 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, I, A. DALE MCDONALD, Mayor of the City of Maitland do hereby proclaim the week of **October 8 through October 14, 2017,** as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Maitland and urge all citizens of Maitland 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 your Maitland Fire Rescue safety professionals during Fire Prevention Week 2017.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Maitland, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and of the founding of the City of Maitland, One Hundred Thirty-Two.

A. DALE MCDONALD
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sharon Walcott
CITY CLERK