

***WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally as newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions and 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, including 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**, Stillwater's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection and public education measures; 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, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8-14, 2017, as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the City and urge all citizens to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to support and participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Stillwater's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2017.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2017.*

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**GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK**