

*Proclamation*  
The City of  
*Stillwater*  
OKLAHOMA

*WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and*

*WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and*

*WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and*

*WHEREAS, Stillwater residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and*

*WHEREAS, Stillwater 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, Stillwater residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, Stillwater first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and*

*WHEREAS, Stillwater residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™," effectively serves to remind Stillwater residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.*

*THEREFORE, I, William H. Joyce, Mayor of Stillwater do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Stillwater to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Stillwater fire and emergency services.*



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**WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK**