



PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS** the City of St. John's 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 where people are at greatest risk to fire; and
- WHEREAS** cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries are the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS** heating and electrical equipment and smoking materials are among the leading causes of reported home fires; and
- WHEREAS** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS** City of St. John's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS** St. John's 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** 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** the Fire Prevention Week 2019 theme, "**Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!**" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.
- THEREFORE** *I, Danny Breen, Mayor of St. John's, do hereby proclaim the week of **October 06-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week.** I urge all the people of St. John's to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2019 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the St. John's Regional Fire Department's Fire and Emergency Services.*

I call upon the people of the City of St. John's to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

In Witness hereof, I do hereby on behalf of the City of St. John's and the citizens, my signature at our City Hall, in the City of St. John's, on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Danny Breen, Mayor