

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO
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- WHEREAS, the City of Northwood 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, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and
- WHEREAS, Thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one.
- WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS, Northwood's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS, Northwood'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 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned" 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 Mark A. Stoner, Mayor of the City of Northwood do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009 as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Northwood to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2009, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Northwood's fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand,
and caused the Great Seal of the City of Northwood
to be affixed this 21st day of September 2009.

Mark A. Stoner, Mayor
City of Northwood, Ohio