



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 6, 2019 – OCTOBER 12, 2019 AS  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake Zurich is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Lake Zurich; 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 killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Zurich 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**, Lake Zurich residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Zurich residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Zurich residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Tom Poynton, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this Village, and I urge all the people of the Village of Lake Zurich to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Village of Lake Zurich fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich

