

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Moscow is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Moscow, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U.S. Fire Departments respond to an average of 1.3 million home fires a year; and

WHEREAS, home fires result in an average of 3,600 civilian deaths a year, representing the majority of all fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home construction; and

WHEREAS, 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 safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

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

WHEREAS, Moscow'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, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire safety plan and practicing it twice a year;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor of Moscow do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2020, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout the community and encourage all citizens of Moscow to develop and practice a home fire safety plan with all members of the household.



DATED this 21st day of September, 2020


Bill Lambert, Mayor