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To declare the week of October 9-15, 2011 National Fire Prevention Week in Columbus, Ohio.

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, a home structure fire is reported every 87 seconds and an average of seven people die in home fires each day; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes of home fires are cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to more than 360,000 home fires, resulting in 12,650 civilian injuries, 2,565 civilian deaths and \$7.6 billion in direct damage; and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half and are essential for every household in Columbus along with a home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Fire is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, residents of Columbus are urged to take personal steps to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning to help prevent fire, with particular emphasis this year on installing automatic fire sprinkler systems in newly built single- and multi-family homes, which reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire," reminds us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare the week of October 9-15, 2011 National Fire Prevention Week and express our gratitude to all members of the Columbus Division of Fire for their outstanding contributions to the safety and well being of the citizens of Columbus.