

~PROCLAMATION~

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - 2019

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® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Battle Ground residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground 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, Battle Ground residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows, practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them, 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 practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly, and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; 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 Mike Dalesandro, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the citizens 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 Fire District No. 3 fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 7th day October 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dalesandro", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Mike Dalesandro