

A Proclamation Designating Fire Prevention Week

Whereas, the City of Bristol Tennessee 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 where people are at greatest risk to fire; and

Whereas, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and

Whereas, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and

Whereas, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; and

Whereas, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

Whereas, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves as an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

Whereas, Bristol's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

Whereas, Bristol residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

Whereas, the Fire Prevention Week 2010, October 3-9 theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Bristol residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes;

Now, Therefore, I, Margaret Feierabend, Mayor of Bristol, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010 as

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in Bristol Tennessee and I urge all people of this city to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many activities and efforts of Bristol's fire and emergency services.

This 7th day of September 2010.

Margaret Feierabend
Mayor