

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 the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire, and

Whereas, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented through its research that home fires killed 3,030 people in the U.S. in 2005 – roughly eight people every day, and

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

Whereas, Bristol's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, and

Whereas, 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, the 2007 Fire Prevention Week theme, “It’s Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan!,” effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round,

Now, Therefore, I David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2007 as

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in Bristol, and urge all citizens in our community to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2007, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Bristol's fire and emergency services.

This 4th day of October, 2007.

David Shumaker
Mayor