

**RESOLUTION 2013 – 14A**

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6–12, 2013  
AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason 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**, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2011, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, fire departments in the United States responded to more than 370,000 home fires in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 156,000 annually between 2007 and 2011 ; and

**WHEREAS**, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen; 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**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Mason’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 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Prevent Kitchen Fires!” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1 That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims the week of October 6–12, 2013 as National Fire Prevention Week.

Section 2 That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this day of 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

Attest:

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council