

WHEREAS, the City of Margate is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; 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, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires each year; 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, outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

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

WHEREAS, Margate'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, Margate's 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 2015, October 4-10 theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm" actively works to motivate Margate residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joanne Simone, Mayor of the City of Margate do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as

Fire Prevention Week

And I urge all the Margate citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2015, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Margate's fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 7th day of October 2015.

JOANNE SIMONE, MAYOR