

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Margate is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Margate; 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 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. The fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds, Margate residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety and 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, residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows. Escape drills should be practiced at least twice a year, at day and night, and children should be taught to escape on their own in case adults are unable to help them; and

WHEREAS, 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 objects; and

WHEREAS, residents should 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

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.

NOW THEREFORE, I Anthony N. Caggiano, Mayor of Margate, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2019, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout this City, and I urge residents 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 Margate's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 2nd day of October 2019.


ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone