



## *Fire Prevention Week – October 3-9, 2021 Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the city of Marquette, Michigan 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**, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and,

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and,

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and,

**WHEREAS**, Marquette’s residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and,

**WHEREAS**, Marquette’s 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**, Marquette’s residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Marquette’s residents are responsive to public education measures and are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**THEREFORE**, I Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor of Marquette, do hereby proclaim October 3–9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Marquette to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Marquette’s fire and emergency services.

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Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor