Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

October 5 - 11, 2025

**Whereas**, 114 years ago on the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals

Association of North America (International Fire Marshals Association) determined that the anniversary should henceforth be observed in ways to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention; and

**Whereas**, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on

record and is held annually the week in which October 9th falls; and

**Whereas**, Payson Fire & Rescue is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires

by providing fire prevention education and protection; and

**Whereas,** home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

**Whereas,** roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**Whereas**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires, almost in half; 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,** Payson City residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**Whereas**, this year is the 103rd Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week and the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in your Home!”, effectively serves to remind Payson of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William R. Wright, Mayor of Payson City, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Payson to use these batteries safely in the home and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Payson Fire & Rescue.

Dated this 17th day of September 2025.

William R. Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder