

PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – October 3-9, 2010



WHEREAS, the Borough of Barrington is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town; 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 roughly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires and burns, and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms or no *working* smoke alarms were present; and working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half and the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) 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, Barrington's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education and Barrington'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 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, the Fire Prevention Week 2010, October 3-9 theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Barrington residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John D. Rink, Mayor and Kirk Popiolek, Director of Public Safety, along with all members of council, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week in the Borough of Barrington. We urge our residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Barrington Fire Department.


John D. Rink, Mayor


Kirk Popiolek, Director of Public Safety

Attest: 
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: September 14, 2010