

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Silver City; 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 2,735 people in the United States in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 352,000 home fires; and the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, Silver City's residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and Silver City's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Silver City's residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and

WHEREAS, Silver City'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, Silver City's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim October 21 through 27, 2018, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2018 IN SILVER CITY"

and I urge all of the citizens of Silver City 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 the Silver City Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2018.

(Seal)

Ken Ladner, Mayor