PROCLAMATION

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; residential 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 majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Silver City residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and Silver City 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 residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors at least twice a year; and Silver City residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults cannot help them; and residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Silver City residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and 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.

THEREFORE, I Ken Ladner Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

throughout the town, and I urge all the people 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 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 24th day of September, 2019.

(Seal)

Ken Ladner, Mayor