

Proclamation

**Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2024.
“Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You!”**

Whereas: *the Village of Versailles is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Village; 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 caused 2,700 civilian deaths in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; 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 2 minutes to escape safely; and*

Whereas: *Village residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and*

Whereas: *Village residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and*

Whereas: *Village residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.*

Whereas: *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*

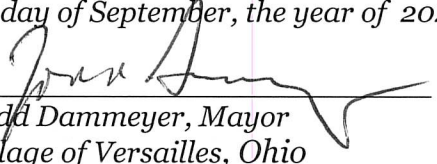
Whereas: *Village first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and*

Whereas: *Village 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*

Whereas: *The 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you.”, serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.*

Therefore, *I, Todd Dammeyer, Mayor of the Village of Versailles, do hereby proclaim October 6-12th, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and I urge all the people of Versailles to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2024 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of The Village of Versailles fire and emergency services.*

In Witness Hereof, *I hereunto set my hand, this 25th day of September, the year of 2024.*


Todd Dammeyer, Mayor
Village of Versailles, Ohio