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PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 9-15, 2016

- WHEREAS,** The City of Corvallis, Oregon, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Corvallis; and
- WHEREAS,** Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** In one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and
- WHEREAS,** Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent); and
- WHEREAS,** Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS,** All smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and
- WHEREAS,** Corvallis' first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** Corvallis 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 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Biff Traber, Mayor of Corvallis, do hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2016, as Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city. I urge all the people of Corvallis to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of the Corvallis Fire Department during their annual Open House event.

Biff Traber, Mayor

Date

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