



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION


FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS** the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 14, 2017, is “**Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out!**”, effectively it serves to remind us that in a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or a tragic outcome.
- WHEREAS** many dedicated citizens have joined with volunteer, professional and industrial fire safety personnel as “Partners in Fire Prevention” in a relentless effort to minimize loss to life, destruction of property and damage to the environment; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba residents should plan a home fire drill twice a year with all members of the household, identifying two exits from each room, as well as a path to the outside from each exit, and
- WHEREAS** conducting fire drills, one at night and one during the day, teaches children how to escape on their own in case adults can’t help them, and once outside to stay outside, and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba residents should install working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, and on every level of the home, outside of the sleeping area; and
- WHEREAS** the Manitoba Fire Service, supported by the efforts of organizations such as the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner, the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs, and Fire Prevention Officers across the province, can ensure the protection of life and property against the cause of fire incidents; and
- WHEREAS** I call upon the citizens of the Province of Manitoba to participate in fire prevention activities at home by marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside, testing their smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button, and public information agencies to participate in a co-ordinated effort to provide effective fire prevention programs, which will instill in the minds of each citizen those fire safety practices which will reduce loss of life and property caused by fire.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Blaine Pedersen, Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim that the week of October 8 to 14, 2017, inclusive shall be known as:

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in Manitoba, and do commend its thoughtful observance to all the citizens of our province.


Minister

