



***Proclamation recognizing October 3 – 9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week
“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”***

WHEREAS, the Town of Abingdon is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; 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 more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two-minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Town residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Town 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

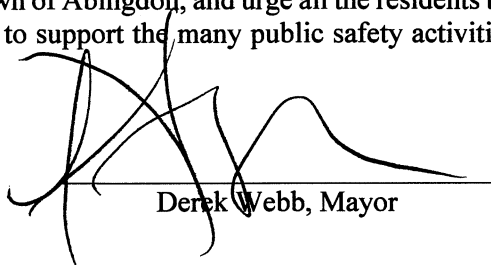
WHEREAS, Town residents should make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Town of Abingdon first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, residents responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, “*Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety*,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Derek Webb, Mayor for the Town of Abingdon, do hereby proclaim October 3–9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Town of Abingdon, and urge all the residents to “*Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety*” for Fire Prevention Week 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the fire and emergency services.


Derek Webb, Mayor