



# City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

## Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

**October 6 – 12, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1.3 million fires, of these fires, an estimated 499,000 were structure fires.

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, 3,655 civilians died in fires and 15,200 people were injured, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon Fire Rescue first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Marathon's 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**, 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**, remember, plan ahead for your escape, test smoke alarms and choose an outside meeting place; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your Escape" effectively serves to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, and respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA:**

**October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week in Marathon**

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Mayor John Bartus

October 08, 2019

Date