



## *Proclamation*

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6 – 12**

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our area; 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 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) and fire departments in the United States responded to over 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**, Jackson County residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; 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**, Jackson County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education; 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**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 6–12 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this county and urges everyone to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

**ADOPTED** the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

Attest:

By:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Mark A. Letson, Chairman