



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Pelham, Alabama is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Pelham; and 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 3,645 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 352,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Pelham residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Pelham residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and Pelham residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and Pelham 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, Pelham first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public education; and Pelham residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

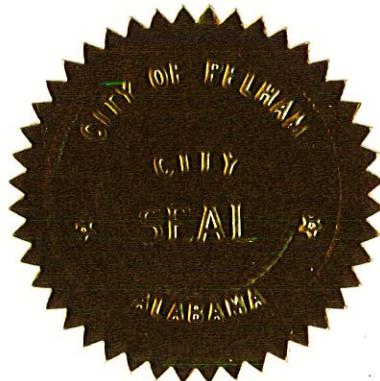
WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere." effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I, Gary Waters, Mayor of Pelham, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as

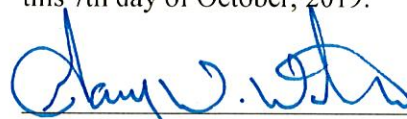
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Pelham, Alabama.

FURTHERMORE, and I urge citizens of Pelham to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Pelham Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2019.



Given under my hand,
in the City of Pelham, Alabama
this 7th day of October, 2019.


Gary W. Waters
Mayor