City of Carroll

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MEMO TO: Mike Pogge-Weaver, City Manager MPW

FROM: Greg L. Schreck, Fire Chief GLS

DATE: October 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Fire Prevention Week

The National Fire Protection Association has designated October 8 - 14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts; Plan Two Ways Out!". The Carroll Fire Department encourages residents of the community to prepare and practice a home fire escape plan. Being prepared for fire emergencies can mean the difference between life and death in the actual event of a home fire. We also ask that all residents of the community regularly test their smoke detectors.

RECOMMENDATION: As the members of the Carroll Fire Department strive to keep our community fire safe, we ask the signatures of the Mayor and the Council to the attached memorandum proclaiming October 8 – 14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community.

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City of Carroll

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week
October 8-14, 2017

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS, the Carroll Volunteer Fire Department are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Carroll'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, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARROLL CITY COUNCIL, we hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. We urge all the people of Carroll to find develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Carroll's fire and emergency services throughout the year.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLL, IOWA, this 9th day of October 2017.

Eric P. Jenson, Mayor	Michael Kots, Ward One
Misty Boes, Ward Two	Clay Haley, Ward Three
Carolyn Siemann, Ward Four	LaVern Dirkx, At-Large
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ATTEST: _____
Laura A. Schaefer, City Clerk