



- WHEREAS,** the Town of Weston 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,** last year local fire departments responded to an estimated 1.35 million fires in the United States. These fires caused 3,800 civilian fire deaths and 14,700 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at \$15.9 billion.
- 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,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS,** Weston residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and
- WHEREAS,** Weston 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,** Weston residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Weston Volunteer Firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** Weston residents are 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 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan your Escape™,” works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I Samantha Nestor First Selectwoman of the Town of Weston, do hereby proclaim October 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this Town, and I urge all the people of Weston to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Weston’s fire and emergency services.

Samantha Nestor  
First Selectwoman, Town of Weston, CT