

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 090676)

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming The Week of October 4th 2009 as “National Fire Prevention Week.”

The City Council of Philadelphia designates the Week of October 4th 2009 as “National Fire Prevention Week” in Philadelphia and encourages that residents, children and parents, teachers and firefighters gain the necessary knowledge: "KNOWING WHAT TO DO" through attending or teaching programs that can and will save your life or the life of someone near and dear, because once a fire starts....there's no time to develop a plan.

WHEREAS, The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 8, 1871, and this tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures; and

WHEREAS, During 2008, the Philadelphia Fire Department responded to 424,085 emergency incidents; of these incidents, 325,947 were emergency medical incidents, and 90,138 were for fire and other 911 emergency public safety service requests; and

WHEREAS, There were *Thirty-nine* fire deaths in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Careless smoking was the number one cause of fire deaths in Philadelphia last year resulting in ten fire deaths, open flames caused seven deaths and electrical wiring was the cause of two deaths, and chemical/flammable liquids accounted for one death; and

WHEREAS, Electrical appliances accounted for three deaths, children with matches were the cause of two deaths, incendiary/arson fires were responsible for the loss of two lives, three deaths were the result of portable heaters, and open flames were the cause of seven fire deaths; and

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WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide is steadily on the rise, there were 130 carbon monoxide incidents in 2008 a rise from 68 in 2007, of the 130 – 26 incidents resulted in transporting 69 patients to the hospital with one DOA, dead on arrival.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The City Council of Philadelphia that the Week of October 4th 2009 be designated as “National Fire Prevention Week” in Philadelphia and encourages that residents, children and parents, teachers and firefighters gain the necessary knowledge: "KNOWING WHAT TO DO" through attending or teaching programs that can and will save your life or the life of someone near and dear, because once a fire starts....there's no time to develop a plan.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, as further evidencing the sincere admiration and gratitude of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-fourth of September, 2009.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Miller and Green

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Green, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Jones, Greenlee, Krajewski, Kenney, DiCicco, Rizzo, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Blackwell, O'Neill, Clarke, Kelly and Sanchez