Whereas, the City of Renton is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

Whereas, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations of where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas, the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

Whereas, the fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was 10% higher in 2016 than in 1980; and

Whereas, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

Whereas, residents should install working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

Whereas, 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

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;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, to be

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Renton in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington