

**CITY OF DEBARY**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeBary is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 369,500 home fires; and

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

**WHEREAS**, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

**WHEREAS**, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

**WHEREAS**, DeBary's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, DeBary's 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**, the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as Interim Mayor of the City of DeBary, I Chris Carson, on the behalf of the DeBary City Council, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2014 as

***Fire Prevention Week***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of DeBary to be affixed on this 1st day of October 2014.

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Chris Carson, Interim Mayor  
City of DeBary