



# Proclamation

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## Fire Prevention Month October 1998

**WHEREAS**, smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of death in fires, and can kill a person long before the flames will; and

**WHEREAS**, underestimating the power of fire and the time it takes to escape a home after a fire ignites could cost a life; and

**WHEREAS**, developing a home escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year is critical to escaping a real life fire safely; and

**WHEREAS**, an adequate home fire escape plan includes everyone in the household knowing two ways out of each room, having an outdoor location in front of the home where everyone will meet upon exiting, and memorizing the local fire department's emergency telephone number; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1998 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" emphasizes the importance of not only having a home escape plan but practicing it regularly; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire service of the Sacramento City Fire Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of this city, as well as businesses, schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the local efforts of the fire service are supported by the activities of organizations such as the American Burn Association, the American Red Cross, the Center for Disease Control, the Congressional Fire Service Institute, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, Fire Prevention Canada; the International Association of Arson Investigators, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Association of Hispanic Fire Fighters, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the National Fire Protection Association, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the United States Fire Administration.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 1998 as Fire Prevention Week and urge the residents of Sacramento to participate in the many planned fire prevention activities.

**ISSUED:** This 6th Day of October 1998.

JOE SERNA, JR.  
MAYOR