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## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas,** Fire kills 3,500 to 4,000 people in the United States each year and 80 to 85% of all fire deaths occur in the home.

**Whereas,** Taking simple safety precautions, such as identifying and removing everyday home fire hazards, can help prevent the majority of home fires and home fire deaths; and

**Whereas,** Proper installation, testing and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a system of fire protection as well as having and practicing a home fire escape plan; and

**Whereas,** Developing a home fire escape plan, with two ways out of each room and an outside meeting place, and practicing it twice a year with every member of household, are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

**Whereas,** The nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for over 80 years, the 2008 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Home Fires" motivates children and families to work together to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, and install and test smoke alarms; and

**Whereas,** NFPA dedicates "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires," to the hundreds of firefighters who so valiantly gave their lives to save others in 2001, especially on September 11; and

**Whereas,** The Fire Service of Shreveport is committed 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 Shreveport, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts;

**Now, Therefore, I, Cedric B. Glover, Mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week.**

This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings, and serves as the motivating force to bring the people of Shreveport together to build a safer community.

I call upon the people of Shreveport to “Team Up for Fire Safety” by participation in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and taking the steps needed to make their home and families safe from fire.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF,** I hereunto set my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, the year of two thousand and eight.



  
**CEDRIC B. GLOVER**  
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