



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, members of local fire departments, fire service organizations, school districts, civic groups and the National Fire Protection Association give their time and energy all year to promote safety through education and by providing information, sponsoring community-based programs and classes, and conveying the message that fire prevention is the daily responsibility and concern of every citizen, and their dedicated efforts are recognized and valued by our State; and

Whereas, despite the widespread recognition and common understanding that the outbreak of fire anywhere and anytime can be dangerous and even devastating, many of us do not take the time to adequately plan for and practice a response to a fire emergency; and

Whereas, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" serves to remind all of us to focus on the importance of having an escape plan in the event of a fire or other emergency; and

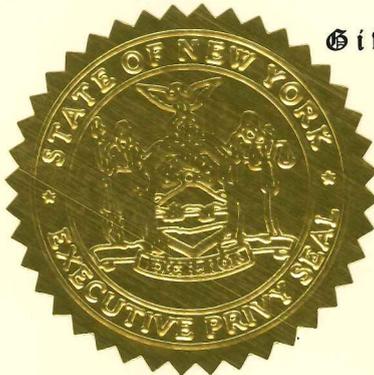
Whereas, in a fire, seconds can mean the difference between escaping safely or loss of life, for the residents of our communities; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to join in working toward the goals highlighted by this special observance, not only during this week, but throughout the year;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixth day of October in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa