

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

R-FY-16-45
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016
“DON’T WAIT: CHECK THE DATE!
REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS”

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County, Virginia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire, with half of home fire deaths reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 494,000 home fires in 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,860 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84%) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

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

WHEREAS, Many Americans don’t know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are or how often they need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, All smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

WHEREAS, The age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, The *2016 Fire Prevention Week* theme "**Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years**" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week throughout Montgomery County**, and urges all our citizens to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they are more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities during **Fire Prevention Week 2016**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia recognizes the 178 Volunteer members of the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Elliston, Long Shop/McCoy, and Riner Volunteer Fire Departments.

The vote on the following resolution was as follows:

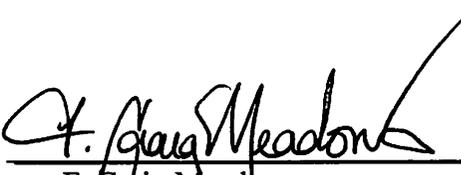
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Gary D. Creed
Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Darrell O. Sheppard
M. Todd King
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

ATTEST:



F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator