

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Pemberton, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Pemberton Township; and

*WHEREAS*, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

*WHEREAS*, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

*WHEREAS*, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

*WHEREAS*, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

*WHEREAS*, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

*WHEREAS*, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

*WHEREAS*, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

*WHEREAS*, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

*WHEREAS*, Pemberton Township's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

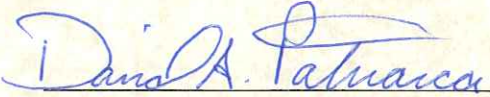
*WHEREAS*, Pemberton Township residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!**" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

**THEREFORE**, I David A. Patriarca, Mayor of the Township of Pemberton do hereby proclaim **October 8-14, 2017**, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Pemberton Township to find develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Pemberton Township's fire and emergency services during **Fire Prevention Week 2017**.

October 4, 2017



  
David A. Patriarca, Mayor