

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

**WHEREAS**, advance escape planning in all situations is essential to escape a fire safely; and

**WHEREAS**, an adequate escape plan includes knowing two ways out of every room, an outdoor location where everyone will meet upon exiting, and to call 911; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire drills should be practiced regularly, at least twice a year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Davie Fire Rescue Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire and medical emergencies; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie proclaim the week of October 8-14, 2000 as;

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

This week commemorates the great Chicago fire of October 9, 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

We call upon the people of the Town of Davie to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school and to heed the message: "**GreatEscape**" to ensure their safety and the safety of their families in the event of a fire.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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**Harry Venis, Mayor**