



Office of the Mayor



Proclamation



Whereas:

Every 24 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; and

WHEREAS:

74% of all fire deaths in the nation occurred in the home in 2018; and

WHEREAS:

home fires were responsible for 11,200 civilian injuries and 74% of all civilian injuries nationwide in 2018; and

WHEREAS:

an estimated 25.6 billion in property damage occurred as a result of fire in 2018; and

WHEREAS:

the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service surpassing 65% of total call volume; and

WHEREAS:

Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

WHEREAS:

the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on the St. Albans Fire Department; and

WHEREAS:

the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and

WHEREAS:

most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and

WHEREAS:

Monday, January 17, 2022 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs; and

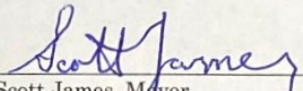
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott James, Mayor of the Great City of St. Albans do hereby proclaim the week of January 17, 2022 – January 23, 2022 to be

“Community Risk Reduction Week”

in the City of St. Albans, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation, including the St. Albans Fire Department to raise awareness of the importance of Community Risk Reduction in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.

Done this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.




Scott James, Mayor