

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Home Fire Safety week (April 15-22) in the City of Yakima, Washington, the American Red Cross will mobilize volunteers and local partners to make the community safer from the threat of home fires; and

WHEREAS, home fires claim about seven lives every day in the U.S. — but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half; and

WHEREAS, data collected from the U.S. Census, the American Red Cross and the National Fire Incident Reporting System show Yakima having the highest risk from home fires of any county in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, it takes all of us to make our City safer and we thank and recognize the Red Cross volunteers and partners whose simple acts of kindness will provide help and hope in people's most difficult hours. Their support, volunteerism and generous donations are critical to our community's resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023 as

“RED CROSS HOME FIRE SAFETY WEEK”

in the City of Yakima and I encourage all residents of our community to reach out and learn more about their humanitarian mission.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2023

Janice Deccio, Mayor