



CITY OF ORLANDO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2012, an estimated 17,400 intentionally set fires in residential buildings were reported to U.S. fire departments each year, resulting in 275 civilian deaths, 800 civilian injuries and \$513 million in property loss; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, there have been an average of 53,127 arsons reported with an average dollar loss of \$15,086 per incident; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Orlando, there are four full-time investigators assigned to the Orlando Fire Department Arson/Bomb Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Orlando Fire Department Arson/Bomb Squad was instrumental in the development of a multi-disciplined Arson Task Force during a series of 28 suspicious arson related fires throughout Central Florida in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Orlando Fire Department Arson/Bomb Squad has consistently held an arrest and apprehension rate that is three times the national average for the crime of arson; and

WHEREAS, the Orlando Fire Department Arson/Bomb Squad continues to be one of the few fire department-based squads in the country that is tasked with full authority for arson and bomb-related investigative functions, working under the authority and training of the Orlando Police Department for law enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, accelerant detection canines are used by the Orlando Fire Department Arson/Bomb Squad and Orlando Police Department as motivated, accelerant detection tools who help save time and money; and

WHEREAS, accelerant detection canines are important community members as they work and live with a handler, law enforcement officer or firefighter trained to investigate fire scenes, close more cases resulting in a reduction of arson problems and add to the community's fire prevention and education program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando recognizes all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies and detection canines for their dedication and tireless services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2015 as

"2015 National Arson Awareness Week"

in the City of Orlando.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 3rd day of May 2015.


MAYOR