

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one fire death is to many and during 1987 there were nearly 6,000 deaths in the United States from fire; and

WHEREAS, the majority of fires (80%) and fire deaths occur in the home with principal reasons for these tragedies being a lack of functioning early warning devices in the home and individuals fail to act appropriately in the event of fire; and

WHEREAS, the average American experiences 3 fires during their adult lifetime, yet many people continue to believe they will not ever be faced with a fire and therefore have a disregard for the importance of planning and practicing for the event of a fire; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that fire drills save lives and are therefore mandated in high risk occupancies such as schools, but are not practiced at home where 80% of all fires occur; and

WHEREAS, the "Plan To Get Out Alive" family fire drill, which will be held on October 13, 1988 at 6:00 P.M., provides families in Colorado an opportunity to plan for their safety at home and to practice their plan; and

WHEREAS, on that date, Colorado will become one of the many states to hold a statewide family fire drill;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD STRACHMAN, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, do hereby proclaim October 13, 1988 as

FAMILY FIRE DRILL DAY

in the County of Larimer, Colorado, and urge all families to become more aware of what they can do to plan and practice fire safety at home and to participate in the "Plan To Get Out Alive" family fire drill on October 13, 1988 at 6:00 P.M.

GIVEN under my hand and seal the 4th of October, 1988.




Richard Strachan
Mayor, Town of Berthoud