



- WHEREAS,** the city of McKinney, Texas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting McKinney; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. fire departments responded to 371,500 home fires in 2016, according the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. home fires resulted in 2,735 civilian deaths in 2016, representing the majority (71 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** newer homes are built with lightweight material that burn faster than older home constructions; and
- WHEREAS,** many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and
- WHEREAS,** these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and
- WHEREAS,** home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and
- WHEREAS,** practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; and
- WHEREAS,** McKinney's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** McKinney's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 8-14, 2017 AS**

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HEED THE IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017, AND SUPPORT THE MANY PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS OF THE MCKINNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.**

ATTEST:

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George C. Fuller, Mayor

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Sandy Hart, City Secretary