



- WHEREAS** the City of McKinney, Texas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and
- WHEREAS** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS** home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 369,500 home fires; and
- WHEREAS** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS** three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and
- WHEREAS** in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and
- WHEREAS** when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and
- WHEREAS** McKinney's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and
- WHEREAS** McKinney's residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; 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** the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-31, 2014 AS**

## **Fire Prevention Week**

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of McKinney to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2014, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of McKinney Fire Department.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.**

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Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sandy Hart, City Secretary