



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 361,000 home fires in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and U.S. home fires resulted in 2,880 civilian deaths in 2021, representing the majority (76 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight material that burn faster than older home constructions, and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments - 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 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. Home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household, and 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 our 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking Safety Starts with You" reminds residents that unattended cooking is by far the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

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

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary