

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, the non-profit National Fire Protection Association has documented through its research that firefighters responded to more than 400,000 home fires in 2006, and that those fires resulted in more than 2,500 deaths, and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public education, and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to be responsive to fire safety and public education and take steps to prevent fires in the home that can lead to extensive property damage and personal injury, and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme “Stay Fire Smart: Don’t Get Burned” hopes to make children and adults aware of fire can cause injuries and provide them with tips to prevent fire burns,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Mansfield Fire Department for their invaluable contribution to our city and encourage residents to “Stay Fire Smart.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 28th day of September, 2009.