

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 house fires last year, and that those fires resulted in more than 2,600 deaths, and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public safety and health observance on record and this year's theme "Get Cookin' With Fire Safety" offers families tips on preventing kitchen fires, 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 Mansfield Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public education,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013, 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 help protect their families from fire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2013.