

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, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public safety and health observance on record and this year's theme is "Don't Wait – Check the Date," to encourage homeowners to replace smoke alarms every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is the final year of a three-year effort by the National Fire Prevention Association to educate the public on the essential elements of smoke alarm safety; and

WHEREAS, the association reports that one in five (60 percent) of the home fire deaths reported from 2007 to 2011 were in homes with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that were not working indicating the need for continued smoke alarm public education; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to be responsive to fire safety and public education and ensure there are working smoke alarms in their homes – and every bedroom - that can warn families of fire dangers; 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 9-15, 2016, 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 26th day of September, 2016.