

**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**, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public safety and health observance on record and this year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out," to encourage homeowners to develop an escape plan in case of a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room, a path to the outside from each exit, smoke alarms in all required locations and a place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

**WHEREAS**, families should develop their home fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year to ensure that everyone, especially children, know what to do in a real-life fire situation; 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 8-14, 2017, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.