

**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**, despite public education and the development of devices like smoke alarms, the National Fire Protection Association reports that the fire death rate (per 1,000 home fires reported to the fire department) was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public safety and health observance on record, and this year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware-fire can happen anywhere;" and

**WHEREAS**, the theme works to remind the public that fires can and do still happen and that there are basic but vitally important steps people can take to remain safe; and

**WHEREAS**, public education remains a key factor in not only fire prevention but in giving people the tools they need to protect their families and their property; 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 7-13, 2018, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.