

**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, on average seven people died in home fires each day from 2012 to 2016 and the National Fire Protection Association statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires that resulted in 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public safety and health observance on record, and this year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape; Plan and Practice Your Escape;" and

**WHEREAS**, the theme works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe such as escape planning and practice and testing smoke alarms; 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, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.