FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND FIRE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, each year, during the month of October, Bay City Volunteer Fire Services takes this opportunity to remind the citizens of Matagorda County of the devastating impact fire has on each of us; and

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Month Theme from the National Fire Prevention Association is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home; and

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week is October 6 – October 12, and the month of October is Fire Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, individual fire departments may be holding open houses to offer their communities the chance to see and talk to the first responders of their district and experience hands on opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire departments, fire investigators, deputy coordinators, and EMS providers engage in many hours of fire prevention through open houses, school demonstrations, and festivals to share the information with the public, to use the week of October 6 through October 12 to educate their community on fire prevention,; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Fire Service providers by designating Fire Prevention Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAMED, that I, Robert K. Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bay City, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through October 12, 2024 as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, and the month of October as FIRE PREVENTION MONTH in the city of Bay City, Texas with the theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You". I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set may hand and seal this 8th day of October 2024.

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Robert K. Nelson

ATTEST:

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Jeanna Thompson, City Secretary