



Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, 101 years ago on the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America determined that the anniversary should henceforth be observed in ways to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, Texas residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

WHEREAS, the Everman Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention”, effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE EVERMAN CITY COUNCIL that October 8-14, 2023 is hereby deemed as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Everman. The City Council urges all citizens to check their kitchens for fire hazards, use safe cooking practices, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Everman Fire Department.

Ray Richardson, Mayor

Date of Enactment