



WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Colony, Texas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Iowa Colony; and

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, when the smoke alarm sounds, Iowa Colony residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents should make escape plans, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents should practice the home fire escape plan at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents who have practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Colony residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention week theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

THEREFORE, I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of Iowa Colony, do hereby proclaim the Month of October 2024, as Fire Prevention Month throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Iowa Colony to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire, respond when the smoke alarm sounds and exit the building.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 9th day of September 2024.

Wil Kennedy, Mayor