



FIRE PREVENTION MONTH ***October 2026***

“Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower”

WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Colony is committed to protecting the lives, property, and well-being of all who live, work, and visit our community; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern, and education, prevention, and preparedness are essential to reducing the risk of fires, injuries, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries are commonly found in many devices used every day, including cell phones, laptops, tablets, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, toys, and other rechargeable products; and

WHEREAS, damaged, defective, improperly used, or improperly charged lithium-ion batteries can overheat, catch fire, or explode, creating a serious fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, residents can help protect themselves and their families by using approved charging equipment, following manufacturers' instructions, charging devices on hard and stable surfaces, keeping batteries and charging devices away from heat and combustible materials, and discontinuing use of batteries that show signs of damage, swelling, overheating, or unusual odors; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fire Prevention Month theme, "***Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower***," reminds everyone that simple, responsible charging practices can help prevent fires and save lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Colony Fire Marshal's Office, along with our fire service and public safety partners, is dedicated to educating the community about fire prevention, lithium-ion battery safety, the importance of maintaining working smoke alarms, and having a home fire escape plan;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that all citizens are encouraged to "***Charge Into Fire Safety***" and remember that when it comes to rechargeable batteries, "***Safe Charging Is a Superpower***".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2026, as ***Fire Prevention Month*** throughout the City of Iowa Colony and encourage all residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to support fire prevention efforts, practice safe charging habits, educate their families about lithium-ion battery hazards, and take appropriate steps to reduce the risk of fire in their homes and workplaces.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Iowa Colony to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2026.