



PROCLAMATION

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, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, being sure that everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond makes us better prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, our citizens will also make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, our firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™," effectively serves to remind us how it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack Whitlow, Mayor of the City of Port Lavaca, do hereby proclaim that the month of October 2022 shall be

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape"

in the City of Port Lavaca, and I urge all citizens to join the Mayor, Council, staff, and employees of the City to do their part to increase fire safety awareness in our community.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS this the 10th day of October, 2022.


Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary