



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

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

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, Port Lavaca, Texas first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Port Lavaca, Texas residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack Whitlow, Mayor of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby declare and proclaim that the week of October 8–14, 2023, 2023 shall be designated as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention”

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 9th day of October, 2023.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary