

CITY OF STEPHENVILLE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of our community are of utmost importance, and fire prevention plays a critical role in ensuring the protection of lives and property; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Stephenville Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the risk of fires in homes through prevention and education; and
- **WHEREAS**, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has designated October 6 through 12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week with the theme "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" emphasizing the importance of installing and maintaining working smoke alarms in every home; and
- **WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes that had no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and
- **WHEREAS**, smoke alarms play a critical role in early fire detection, providing precious seconds for residents to escape and call for help; and
- WHEREAS, it is vital to educate our community on the importance of testing smoke alarms monthly, replacing batteries when necessary, and ensuring that smoke alarms are installed in every sleeping area, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and
- WHEREAS, fire prevention and education are crucial for the safety of our community, and Fire Prevention Week offers an opportunity to raise awareness about simple yet lifesaving actions that can help protect lives and property.
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** I, David Baskett, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Stephenville, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through 12, 2024, as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Stephenville and I encourage residents to take responsibility for the safety of their families by ensuring that their smoke alarms are functioning properly and that everyone "Makes them work for you!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Stephenville, Texas, this 1st day of October 2024.

David Baskett, Mayor Pro Tem of Stephenville