

WHEREAS, in a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy; and

WHEREAS, fire safety education isn't just for school children—teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire; and

WHEREAS, since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of ***Fire Prevention Week***; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed ***Fire Prevention Week*** a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During ***Fire Prevention Week***, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire and firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires; and

WHEREAS, ***Fire Prevention Week*** is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage—this horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, 2025's ***Fire Prevention Week*** theme, "***Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in your home.***" The theme works to educate everyone about how important it is to BUY, CHARGE and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, ***Fire Prevention Week 2025*** educates individuals and families about how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries. Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery. Buy only listed products with a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. Recycle responsibly, don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycle, visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tomball and the Tomball Fire Department fully support ***Fire Prevention Week***.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI KLEIN QUINN, Mayor of the City of Tomball, Texas, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, do hereby proclaim **the week of October 5th through October 11th, 2025** as:

“2025 TOMBALL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”