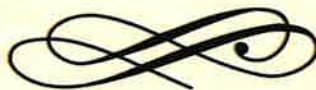


Office of the Mayor  
Tomball, Texas



# Proclamation



**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,** 2022's *Fire Prevention Week* campaign, "*Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.*" is dedicated to educating everyone about planning their exit routes in the event of a fire—knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe; and today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning; and

**WHEREAS,** "*Fire won't wait. Plan your escape!*" means that, when an alarm sounds – a beeping sound, a chirping sound, or a flashing strobe light – you must take action and exit your home as quickly as possible; 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 9 through October 15, 2022 as:

## "2022 TOMBALL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Lori Klein Quinn

Attest: Dani Spun

Date: September 19, 2022