



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, the city of Coppel, Texas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Coppel; and

**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**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,000 annually between 2013 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, almost half of home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, Coppel residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas, and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Month theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppel, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as

### **“Fire Prevention Month”**

throughout the city, and I urge all the people of Coppel to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Month 2020, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Coppel Fire Department.

**IN WITNESS, THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppel to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashley Owens, City Secretary