

## ***PROCLAMATION***

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

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS** in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and

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

**WHEREAS**, many Coppell residents don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm;

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Coppell. I urge all the people of Coppell to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, and to replace them if they're more than 10 years old.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 11th day of October 2016.

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary