



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, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, Coppell's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Coppell's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

NOW THEREFORE, I Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Coppell. I urge all the people of Coppell to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities of Coppell's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 10th day of October 2017.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary