

Office of the City Secretary

City of Richland Hills, Texas

## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Edward Lopez and members of the Richland Hills City Council  
From: Cathy Bourg, City Secretary  
Date: October 14, 2019  
Subject: Presentation of Fire Prevention Proclamation

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### **City Council Action Requested:**

Presentation of Fire Prevention Proclamation

### **Background Information:**

### **Board/Citizen Input:**

N/A

**Attachments:** Proclamation

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## *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, the city of Richland Hills, Texas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Richland Hills; 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, when the smoke alarm sounds Richland Hills residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents who have practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, Richland Hills residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I Edward Lopez, Mayor of Richland Hills, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Richland Hills to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire, respond when the smoke alarm sounds and exit the building, and support the many public education activities of the Richland Hills Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week and throughout the month of October.