



Office of the Mayor

P r o c l a m a t i o n

WHEREAS, the City of Deer Park is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; 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, home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire depts. in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires; and

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

WHEREAS, 3 out of 5 home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11p.m. and 7a.m. when most people are sleeping; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, DEER PARK residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, DEER PARK residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

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

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

WHEREAS, DEER PARK 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 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015, as

"Fire Prevention Week"

throughout the City, and I urge all people of the City of DEER PARK to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the DEER PARK Fire & Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this Fifteenth Day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen, A.D.

**Mayor Jerry Mouton
City of Deer Park**