

PROCLAMATION

FORNEY



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Whereas, the City of Forney, Texas, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Forney; 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 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

Whereas, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

Whereas, residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

Whereas, 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, residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

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

Whereas, this year's FPW campaign, "**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!**" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action;

Therefore, I, Amanda Lewis, Mayor of the City of Forney, do hereby proclaim that although the week of **October 3-9, 2021**, was **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, I hereby applaud our Fire Department personnel for their duty and service and proclaim today, October 19, 2021, as **Forney Firefighters' Day**. I urge all our citizens to thank our Firefighters for their hard work and dedication to the well being of our citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 19th day of October, 2021.

Amanda Lewis, Mayor