

# PROCLAMATION

## FORNEY



## TEXAS

*Whereas*, this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week; and

*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*, 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 need to 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 Fire Prevention Week campaign, "**Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™**", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning;

*Therefore*, I, Amanda Lewis, Mayor of the City of Forney, do hereby proclaim that the week of **October 9 – 15, 2022**, as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout this city, and hereby applaud our Fire Department personnel for their duty and service. 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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*Amanda Lewis, Mayor*