

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 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Carrollton residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Carrollton's 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, Carrollton's residents should make a home escape plan and practice it twice annually with everyone in the household; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kevin Falconer, Mayor of Carrollton, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this City, and urge all residents to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Carrollton Fire Rescue during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Carrollton, Texas to be affixed this 17th day of September 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Falconer", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin W. Falconer, Mayor