



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay
Declaring the week of October 8-14, 2023
as "Fire Prevention Week"**

WHEREAS, the City of Horseshoe Bay 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, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking, and more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bay's residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; 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, Horseshoe Bay's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bay's 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.' effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS, PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. October 8-14, 2023 shall hereafter be known as "Fire Prevention Week" in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.
2. The City calls upon the citizens of Horseshoe Bay to recognize this week by thanking our first responders for the outstanding service they provide to the Horseshoe Bay community.
3. The City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for public display, and enter this document into the records of the municipality.



Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith