# D.1. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portales Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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 2,500 people in the United States in 2011, and fire departments responded to more than 370,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments respond to more than 156,000 annually--two of every five home fires start in the kitchen; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portales Fire Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portales 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**, 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**, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, **"Prevent Kitchen Fires!"** effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**THEREFORE**, I Sharon L. King, Mayor of the City of Portales, do hereby proclaim

**October 6 - 12, 2013 as "Fire Prevention Week"**

throughout this City, and I urge all the people of Portales to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Portales Fire and Emergency Services.

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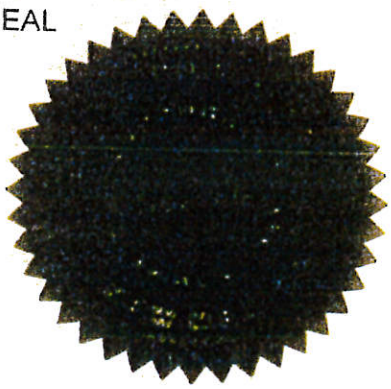

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Sharon L. King, Mayor