

City of Portales Mayor's 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 2012, and fire departments responded to more than 365,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fire in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, Portales residents should install smoke alarms and test monthly in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

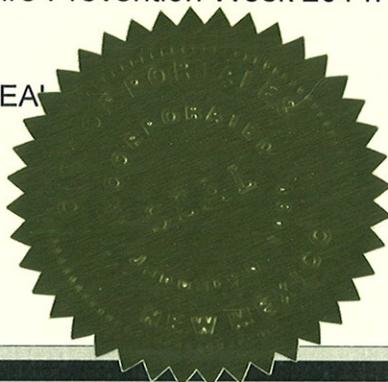
WHEREAS, the City of Portales Fire Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

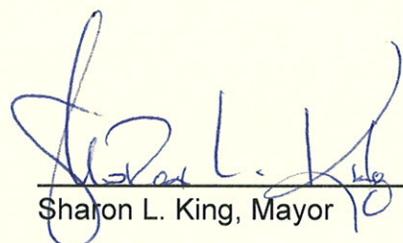
WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

THEREFORE, I Sharon L. King, Mayor of the City of Portales, do hereby proclaim **October 5 - 11, 2014 as Fire Prevention Week** throughout this City, and I urge all the people of Portales to test their smoke alarms at least every month, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Portales Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

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Sharon L. King, Mayor