

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016**

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Pflugerville; and

WHEREAS, the Travis County Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 2/the Pflugerville Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through public education and prevention; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, the Travis County ESD No. 2 responded to 1,350 fire calls in 2015; and

WHEREAS, nationally, home fires resulted in 3,280 civilian deaths in 2015 and the majority of these deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, on average, smoke alarms do not actually work in one out of five homes that have smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires by fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years and the age of the smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

WHEREAS, the life-saving message for the 2016 National Fire Prevention Week is "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Omar Peña, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Pflugerville, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, as National Fire Prevention Week in the City of Pflugerville and urge all citizens to participate by ensuring they have functioning smoke alarms; to check the date on their smoke alarms and replace them if they are more than ten years old; and, to take advantage of the numerous fire safety and prevention activities and resources from the Travis County ESD No. 2 all year round.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 11th day of October 2016.

Omar Peña, Mayor Pro Tem