

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Franklin; 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 U.S. home fires resulted in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84%) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

**THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Fire Prevention Month throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Franklin to check the age of their smoke alarms and to participate in the many public safety activities during this Fire Prevention Month 2016.

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor - City of Franklin