



**PROCLAMATION
FROM THE MAYOR
OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA**

WHEREAS, the city of Coweta, Oklahoma is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Coweta; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation by including two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS, Coweta's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Coweta's residents are responsive to public education measures and can take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!**" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma that the City of Coweta declares October 6th through 12th, 2019 as:

"Fire Prevention Week"

And hereby encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, businesses and schools to give personal attention to this week. Given under my hand this 7th day of October 2019.

Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Casteen, City Clerk