

Travis County Commissioners Court



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Travis County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and

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

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no *working* smoke alarms were present; and

WHEREAS, installing smoke alarms and home fire sprinkler systems, and practicing home fire escape plans and fire drills increases the chances of residents surviving a fire; and

WHEREAS, unattended cooking is a leading cause of residential fires; and

WHEREAS, matches and lighters should be stored away from the reach of young children; and

WHEREAS, Travis County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Travis County's residents are capable of providing a fire-safe place in which to live and work by eliminating those fire hazards that cause the loss of life and property;

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2011, October 9-15 theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year round.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, PROCLAIM OCTOBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2011 AS "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK" IN TRAVIS COUNTY; AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AT HOME, WORK AND SCHOOL.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

RON DAVIS  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
Travis County Judge

SARAH ECKHARDT  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

KAREN HUBER  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

MARGARET GOMEZ  
Commissioner, Pct. 4