



**A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioner's Court
in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week 2021**

WHEREAS, between October 8th and 10th, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire claimed the lives of nearly 300 people, left 10,000 more homeless, and destroyed over \$200 million in property – including irreplaceable historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, on the 40th anniversary of the disaster in 1911, the Fire Marshals Association of North America resolved to remember the event by educating the public about fire prevention and safety; and

WHEREAS, through a successful campaign, the Fire Marshals Association prompted local governments in the United States and Canada to recognize a public fire prevention day; and

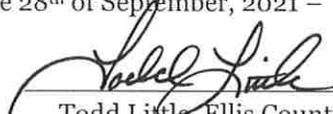
WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first national Fire Prevention Day in 1920, and President Calvin Coolidge expanded this observance to Fire Prevention Week in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Ellis County residents have been affected by several major fires through the years, including one that devastated downtown Waxahachie in 1882 and one that damaged the same area as recently as 2011; and

WHEREAS, with a view to save lives and property, the Ellis County Commissioner's Court fully supports the efforts of the Fire Marshal's Office and Tim Birdwell to educate the general public and our students about fire prevention & safety measures according to the National Fire Prevention Association's theme for this year: "learn the sounds of fire safety;"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, Texas, proclaim the week of October 3rd – October 10th, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week in Ellis County.

In witness thereof, signed the 28th of September, 2021 –



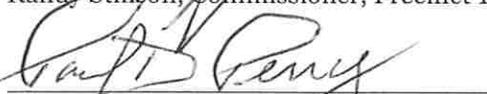
Todd Little, Ellis County Judge



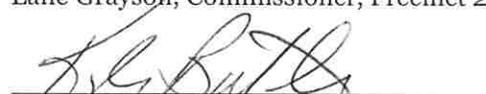
Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1



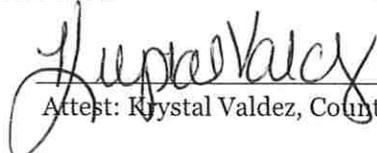
Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2



Paul Perry, Commissioner, Precinct 3



Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4



Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk