



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 8, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Hershel Lee

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 6-12, 2012 AS "ARSON AWARENESS WEEK" IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Hershel Lee

Danny Hobby

Cheryl Aker

Commissioners Court

WHEREAS, the theme for 2012 Arson Awareness Week is Prevent Youth Firesetting; and

WHEREAS, between 2005 – 2009, fires started by children playing accounted for an average of 56,300 fires with associated losses of 110 civilian deaths, 880 civilian injuries and \$286 million in direct property damage per year; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, 40% of arson arrests were juveniles with 47.6% of those children under 16 years of age; and

WHEREAS, parents should teach young children that fire is a tool, not a toy; keep matches and lighters out of reach; and set a good example by safely using matches, lighters and fire; and

WHEREAS, we will use the week of May 6-12 to focus public attention on the importance of a collaborative effort with fire and emergency service departments, law enforcement, mental health, social services, schools, and juvenile justice to help reduce the occurrence of juveniles engaged with fire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON BEHALF OF ITS CITIZENS, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2012, TO BE:

“ARSON AWARENESS WEEK”

IN TRAVIS COUNTY, and pay special tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.

Signed and entered this 8th day of May, 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
Travis County Judge

RON DAVIS
Commissioner, Pct. 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

KAREN HUBER
Commissioner, Pct. 3

MARGARET GOMEZ
Commissioner, Pct. 4