



City of Saginaw

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SUBJECT: Proclamation – Poison Prevention Week

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The week of March 19-25, 2017 marks the 55th annual observance of Poison Prevention Week. This purpose of this annual observance is to encourage citizens to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and to take more preventive measures. The North Texas Poison Center has requested cities in the metroplex to join with them in bringing attention to Poison Prevention Week through local proclamations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

Attachments

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WHEREAS, our society has become increasingly dependent on household chemicals to perform labor-saving, time-saving miracles; and on medicine to provide health-giving, life-sustaining benefits;

WHEREAS, these products, when not used as intended or directed, may be hazardous, particularly if children gain access to them;

WHEREAS, over the past 55 years, the nation has been observing Poison Prevention Week to call attention to these hazards and how proper handling and disposal of these substances and proper use of safety packaging can help eliminate them;

WHEREAS, the efforts of our community organizations, complemented by the efforts of the North Texas Poison Center have reduced childhood poisonings in, Saginaw;

WHEREAS, the North Texas Poison Center, a regional poison center, located at Parkland Health and Hospital System, provides the ultimate in human service programming, immediate, accessible emergency information to save lives of victims of poison-related emergencies, and;

WHEREAS, these programs must continue as long as even one child swallows a household product or medicine by mistake.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Brinkley, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017, as Poison Prevention Week in this City. Further, I direct the appropriate agencies in our local government to continue their cooperation with concerned citizens and community organizations, including our schools, to develop programs which will alert our people to the continued danger of misusing medicines and household products and to promote effective safeguards against accidental poisonings among young children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Saginaw, Texas to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2017.

Gary Brinkley, Mayor