

April 20, 2021

## AGENDA LETTER

Commissioners Court 1001 Preston Street, 9th Floor Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioners:

The following item is recommended for the April 27, 2021 Commissioners Court agenda:

Request for approval of a resolution proclaiming May 2-8, 2021, as National Arson Awareness Week in Harris County.

Sincerely,

Lina Hidalgo County Judge

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Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2021 Arson Awareness Week in Harris County is "Preventing Youth Firesetting through Education and Intervention"; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office (HCFMO), the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program (YFIP) provided education and intervention to 82 youth who misused fire during 2020 at no cost to them or their families and the YFIP program has a 99 percent success rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program receives their referrals from local fire departments, the District Attorney's Office, and the Courts, and they assist a multitude of partners within Harris County; and

**WHEREAS**, HCFMO's mantra "Broken Crayons Still Color" shows we believe every child can learn from their mistakes and has gifts to offer the world regardless of past actions: now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims May 2-8, 2021, as

## **National Arson Awareness Week**

in Harris County, Texas, and encourages residents to help prevent youth firesetting through education and intervention. Harris County recognizes the HCFMO's Youth Firesetter Intervention Program for its success and dedication to the youth of Harris County and the surrounding region.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 27th day of April 2021.

## LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner Precinct One

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner Precinct Three

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner Precinct Two

**R. JACK CAGLE**, Commissioner Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk Harris County, T E X A S