



- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** these products, when not used as intended or directed, may be hazardous, particularly if children gain access to them; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past 51 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; and
- WHEREAS,** the efforts of our community organizations, complemented by the efforts of the North Texas Poison Center have reduced childhood poisonings; and
- 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, 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 BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, Herman Earwood, Mayor and the City Council of the City of River Oaks, do hereby proclaim the week of

MARCH 17-23, 2013


As

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

And urge our fellow citizens to join with us during this week 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.

PROCLAIMED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2013.




Herman Earwood
Mayor