



**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING AUGUST 2024 AS
GUN SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

WHEREAS, unsecured guns pose clear safety risks, particularly to children. And when guns are not stored safely or securely and they are accessible to unsupervised minors, the risk of death or injury significantly increases; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 350 children a year get access to a loaded firearm and accidentally shoot themselves or someone else; and between 2015 and 2022, there were 248 unintentional shootings by children under the age of 17 in Texas - an average of 3 every month; and,

WHEREAS, when children unintentionally shoot another person, the victim is most often a sibling or a friend; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, firearm-related injuries were among the 5 leading causes of death for people ages 1-44 in the United States - and currently about 132 people die from a firearm injury everyday; and

WHEREAS, 4.6 million minors in the US live in homes with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm. And studies show that between 70 and 90% of guns used in youth suicides, unintentional shootings among children, and school shootings perpetrated by shooters under the age of 18 are acquired from the home or the homes of relatives or friends; and,

WHEREAS, estimates suggest that even modest increases in the number of American homes safely storing firearms could prevent almost a third of youth gun deaths due to suicide and unintentional firearm injury; and

WHEREAS, educating and resourcing communities to practice safe gun handling and storage is an actionable, meaningful way to create safer homes and neighborhoods across our city, state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Victor Gonzales, proclaim August 2024 as Gun Safety Awareness Month in the City of Pflugerville.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 13th day of August, 2024.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

Trista Evans, City Secretary