

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS TO ENCOURAGE THE COURTS TO SENTENCE THOSE CRIMINALS CONVICTED OF DRUGS OR VIOLENT ACTS TO RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that drug use and violent crimes are on the rise; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimate that the total economic cost in the United States for drug abuse in the United States is \$193 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimate that the total economic cost in the United States for opioid abuse is \$78.5 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health's research and the Department of Justice statistics show that one-quarter of individuals arrested for drugs in the United States return to prison within three years of being released; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's data shows that violent crime is on the rise and increasing year after year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to protect its citizens from drugs and violent crime by enacting this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that approval of this Resolution is in the public interest, promotes economic development and furthers the best interests of the City of Pflugerville, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:

The City of Pflugerville, Texas encourages local, state, and federal courts to sentence those criminals convicted of drugs or violent acts to receive the maximum sentencing and punishment allowed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, this 10th day of April 2018.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHARLES E. ZECH, City Attorney
DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, PC