

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING NOVEMBER 4-8, 2024 AS
MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Pflugerville Municipal Court is a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the procedures for the Pflugerville Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Pflugerville Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the City of Pflugerville, but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the Pflugerville Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, proclaim that the week of November 4-8, 2024 as Municipal Court Week in recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by the Municipal Court of Pflugerville.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

Trista Evans, City Secretary