RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS CONDEMNING ARSON, VANDALISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, preventing violence against citizens and property is fundamental duty of government, (Leviathan, Thomas Hobbes,

<u>https://www.weforum.org/stories/2017/02/government-responsibility-to-citizens-anne-marie-slaughter/</u> "The oldest and simplest justification for government is as protector: protecting citizens from violence.")

WHEREAS, official statements of intent to enforce the laws against violence discourage violence, (<u>https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/ratedprograms/operation-ceasefire-boston-mass#2-0</u>)

WHEREAS, multiple incendiary devices were discovered at a Tesla dealership in Travis County on March 24, 2025 (<u>https://abcnews.go.com/US/multiple-incendiary-devices-found-tesla-dealership-texas-police/story?id=120104766</u>)

WHEREAS, there has been a pattern of arson attacks against Tesla dealerships and Tesla charging stations across the country, (<u>https://littletonps.com/2025/03/03/littleton-police-investigating-suspicious-fire-at-tesla-charging-station/</u>) (<u>https://archive.ph/8BO0p</u>)

WHEREAS, there has been a pattern of vandalism against Tesla automobiles owned by private individuals, (https://abcnews.go.com/US/tesla-vehicles-destroyed-vandalized-musk-began-role-white/story?id=119677836) (https://www.wral.com/news/local/garner-tesla-vandalism-amid-musk-unrest-march-2025/) (https://cnycentral.com/news/local/local-tesla-owners-car-vandalized-in-downtown-syracuse-family-sharpie-mamma-mia-property-protest) (https://www.counton2.com/news/local-news/man-accused-of-burning-tesla-chargers-in-north-charleston-granted-bond/, https://www.bostonherald.com/2025/03/24/fbi-issues-alert-after-arson-gunfire-and-vandalism-target-tesla-dealerships-owners/)

WHEREAS, violence is not speech, and neither arson nor vandalism are protected by the Constitution of the United States or The Constitution of Texas,

WHEREAS, there are many Tesla employees in Pflugerville,

WHEREAS, Tesla is the largest private sector employer in Travis County, (<u>https://www.bizjournals.com/austin/news/2024/07/26/largest-private-employers-austin-texas.html</u>)

WHEREAS, there are many private owners of Tesla automobiles in Pflugerville,

WHEREAS, the threat of arson and vandalism is an imminent threat to Tesla employees and private owners of Tesla automobiles in Pflugerville,

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

That The City Council of Pflugerville unequivocally condemns arson, vandalism and political violence, including the destruction of Tesla charging stations, and Tesla and other automobiles.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____day of _____2025.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trista Evans, City Secretary