MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025 AS GUN SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE

WHEREAS, Unsecured guns pose clear safety risks, particularly to children. 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 since 2015 there were at least 314 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 149 deaths and 177 injuries in Texas; and

WHEREAS, when children unintentionally shoot another person, the victim is most often another child, 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, the cost of addressing harm and its effects in the United States—medical care, lost productivity, and support services was more than $540 Billion in 2022; 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 a proven, actionable, and meaningful way to create safer homes and neighborhoods across our city, state and country; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim August 2025 as Gun Safety Awareness Month in the City of Pflugerville, Texas.

In Witness Thereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 12th day of August, 2025.

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Victor Gonzales, Mayor

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Trista Evans, City Secretary