

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF — OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, guns are the number one killer of children and teens in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the city of Flagstaff is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. almost every single day, a child gets their hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or wounds themselves or someone else; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to prevent children from accessing firearms is by making sure all guns are stored unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition; and

WHEREAS, there are steps we can all take, gun owners and non-gun owners alike, to make sure kids can't access guns and put themselves and others in danger; and

WHEREAS, more than half of gun owners don't lock all their guns securely, and an estimated 6.7 million U.S. children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun; and

WHEREAS, when guns aren't properly stored, tragedy can strike — whether it's a child finding a firearm and wounding or killing themselves or someone else, or someone stealing it and using it to commit crimes in our communities; and

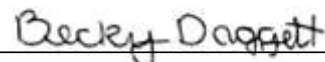
WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is one of a mayor's critical responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, schools, hospitals, state agencies, and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting secure gun storage and safety; and

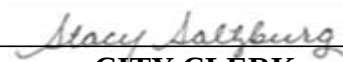
WHEREAS, SMART Week raises awareness and promotes efforts to educate the public about secure gun storage; the City of Flagstaff commends Be SMART, a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, and all involved in their endeavor to keep communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim August 24-28, 2026, as

SMART WEEK


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK