

**2024 SMART WEEK PROCLAMATION
DECLARING AUGUST 26-30 SMART WEEK**

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

WHEREAS, we are committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, almost every single day, a child gets their hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or injures themselves or someone else in the United States; and

WHEREAS, [research](#) shows that one of the best ways to protect children and teens from accessing guns is to implement secure firearm storage practices; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to prevent children from accessing firearms is 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

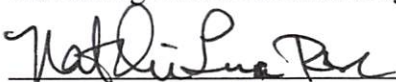
WHEREAS, an estimated 54 percent of gun owners don't lock all of their guns securely and an estimated 4.6 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, schools 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 Tucson Unified Governing Board commends [Be SMART](#), a program developed to help keep communities safe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board declares August 26-30 to be SMART Week.




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