

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2025-0866

DATE: August 19, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



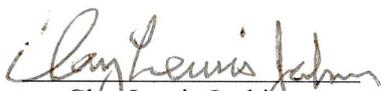
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 19th day of August 2025, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

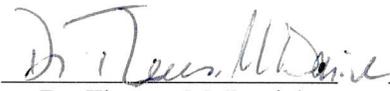
- WHEREAS**, Guns are the number one killer of children and teens in Texas and the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, The leaders of Dallas County are committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and
- WHEREAS**, Almost every single day, a child gains access to a gun and unintentionally kills or wounds themselves or someone else in the United States; 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 cannot access guns and put themselves and others in danger; and
- WHEREAS**, An estimated 54 percent of gun owners do not 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 are not properly stored, tragedy can strike — whether it is a child finding a firearm and wounding or killing themselves or someone else, or someone stealing it and using it to commit crime in our communities; and
- WHEREAS**, Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Dallas County leadership's highest responsibility; and
- WHEREAS**, Schools, hospitals, law enforcement, 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 Dallas County Commissioners Court commends all involved in their endeavor to keep communities safe by promoting responsible gun ownership to prevent child deaths;

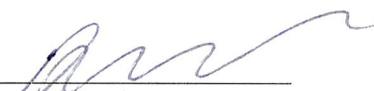
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby proclaim **August 25-29, 2025, to be SMART Week**, and additionally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, recognizes SMART Week 2025 in support of the Be SMART campaign to promote responsible gun ownership; and further encourages every resident, family, educator, and community leader to embrace the core principles of secure storage, model responsible behavior, ask about unsecured firearms, recognize the critical role that firearm access plays in suicide, and tell others to join the lifesaving effort; and extends its heartfelt gratitude to the organizers, sponsors, partners, and volunteers whose dedication and collaboration will strengthen safety, awareness, and unity throughout Dallas County, Texas.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 19th day of August 2025.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
District 1


Andrew Sommerman
District 2


John Wiley Price
District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
District 4