



Requested by Mayor Gomez

WHEREAS, the City Commission is firmly committed to the reduction and prevention of gun violence in the City of Tamarac, Florida, and Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Broward County has provided significant leadership in gun violence prevention through community education and creation of their Lock It Up! gun safety program; and

WHEREAS, 40,000 Americans are killed by guns each year, 100,000 more are shot and injured, and 2/3 of all gun deaths are suicides; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a national epidemic costing the lives of 6,000 Veterans each year and is a leading cause of death among first responders; and

WHEREAS, 4.5 million children live in homes with unlocked guns, and 3 out of 4 know where the gun is located. Nearly 1,500 minors are killed by guns each year and three million are directly exposed to gun violence, causing lasting trauma, PTSD, and decreased potential; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence costs Floridians \$14 billion dollars each year, a sum which could be significantly reduced with responsible firearm storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida, designate the month of May 2020 in the City of Tamarac as

“SAFE STORAGE MONTH”

and encourage the safe storage of firearms to protect children, prevent suicide, and reduce crime.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tamarac to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2020.

Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor