

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 25-1205 2025 SMART WEEK PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Office of School Safety is 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 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 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 4.6 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, where 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 it serves is the Colorado Office of School Safety's highest responsibility; 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 secure gun storage; the State of Colorado 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council declares August 25-29, 2025, to be SMART Week.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 18, 2025

*Amursh P. Sandora*

PRESIDENT

