RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR ABBOTT TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION TO PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS FROM MASS SHOOTINGS

WHEREAS, the 2022 spring semester ended in a statewide tragedy with the mass shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas, leading to the loss of 19 children and 2 teachers; and

WHEREAS, numerous mass shootings have occurred in Texas within the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, our students, parents, faculty, and staff should not be fearful that mass shootings and gun violence will occur in Grand Prairie ISD and our community, given that our schools must be a safe refuge for our children and the adults charged with their care; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has the power to protect our children from mass shootings and senseless gun violence by implementing common-sense reforms that focus on our children's safety and security in our schools (i.e. banning of military assault weapons, increasing the age limit to buy weapons, and extensive background checks); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution allows the Governor to call the Legislature into Special Session focused on the prevention of mass shootings and gun violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT calls upon Governor Abbott to call a Special Session of the Texas Legislature to protect our children, teachers, and staff from mass shootings and gun violence at the beginning of the 2022 – 2023 academic school year; and

THAT the Board of Trustees of the Grand Prairie Independent School District calls upon the Governor to include common-sense firearm policies that protect our most precious Texas resource, our children.

Trustees Voting for Resolution:

Gloria Carrillo David Espinosa Amber Moffitt Bryan Parra

Trustees Abstaining from Voting on Resolution:

Terry Brooks Emily Liles

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August 2022 by the Board of Trustees for the Grand Prairie Independent school District.

By: Gloria Carrillo, Board President

Attest: Bryan Parra, Board Secretary