



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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## RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO END GUN VIOLENCE

In the wake of the tragedy in Parkland, Florida, the Minneapolis City Council honors and remembers all victims and survivors of gun violence and declares that the city of Minneapolis must do more to reduce gun violence and keep our schools and communities safe.

- Whereas: every day on average, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence, including 7 children; and
- Whereas: Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and
- Whereas: in 2016, 1600 American children were killed with guns, and at least 6,000 shot and injured. This equates to an average of 23 children shot every day; and
- Whereas: our schools should be safe environments, where students and teachers need not fear gun violence; and
- Whereas: children born in the United States after the mass shooting of students in Columbine on April 20, 1999, have known no other reality but one of fear, of and preparation for, gun violence in their schools; and
- Whereas: on February 14, 2018, a former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas School in Parkland, Florida, opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle, killing 17 and injuring 14 students and adults; and
- Whereas: in response to this most recent in a series of school shootings throughout their lives, the youth of the City of Minneapolis are calling on elected leaders to do more, now, to end gun violence in our schools; and
- Whereas: gun violence is a concern not only in our schools but across our communities, and every person in Minneapolis deserves to live in a neighborhood free from the impacts of gun violence; and
- Whereas: the City of Minneapolis is committed to a holistic approach to ending gun violence in every Minneapolis neighborhood; and
- Whereas: investing in violence prevention produces measurable results. In 2017, 942 guns were recovered, a percent increase of 54.6% over 2016. That also resulted in an 18.4% decrease in gunshot victims.
- Whereas: protecting public safety in the communities they serve is one of our most serious and fundamental responsibilities of elected officials; and
- Whereas: support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens must not be made at the expense of keeping guns away from dangerous people; and
- Whereas: the City of Minneapolis has adopted a legislative agenda related to gun violence prevention which includes opposition to state pre-emption of local gun control laws, opposing federal conceal and carry reciprocity laws and which includes support for stricter gun laws including required background checks for all gun sales and a statewide ban on the sale of assault weapons;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Mayor and Minneapolis City Council that this resolution renews our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, to encourage responsible gun ownership and to support legislative change at all levels of government to help keep our children safe. We strongly support the efforts in our community to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value all human lives.

Passed this the Twenty-Third Day of February, 2018

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LISA BENDER, President of the Council

APPROVED:

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JACOB FREY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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CASEY JOE CARL, City Clerk