

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA IN SUPPORT OF PREVENTING GUN
VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is a growing city of over 250,000 people with three public school districts, thriving arts, entertainment and recreational sectors, and engaged citizens deeply committed to the safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista recognizes the Second Amendment right of individuals to keep and bear arms, but also notes that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the right to bear arms is not unlimited, and federal and state governments may enact reasonable regulations to protect the public safety; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., individuals with guns injure more than 100,000 people a year, and kill more than 30,000 a year, through homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths; and

WHEREAS, far more Americans have been killed with guns in the U.S. than have died in all our wars combined; and

WHEREAS, schools across the U.S. have been impacted by shootings, resulting in the deaths of both students and faculty, and the nation's parents continue to worry about the safety of their children at school; and

WHEREAS, the crisis of gun violence necessitates a collaborative approach involving elected officials at every level of government, including school districts; and

WHEREAS, it is primarily the responsibility of our legislators at the federal and state levels to enact reasonable, responsible, rational laws regulating the safe possession and use of guns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in order to help protect our residents, neighborhoods and schools, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby:

1. Encourage state and federal officials to be aggressive in enforcement of existing gun safety laws.
2. Support increased federal and state resources for mental health and substance abuse treatment; and
3. Urge an integrated, school-community based, "public health" approach to gun violence that cultivates social and emotional well-being, identifies and intervenes assertively to help troubled students, and does not tolerate bullying, discrimination or harassment.

4. The City Council directs that the City Clerk transmit this resolution to Chula Vista's representatives in the California State Assembly and Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives and senate.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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