

***Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California***

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Demanding Federal Gun)
Control Action to prevent death and injury.....)

WHEREAS, Gun violence in the United States, resulting in over 30,000 deaths annually and 80,000 non-fatal injuries, including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings, is unacceptable and demands immediate attention and action; and

WHEREAS, Senseless and tragic mass shootings at places such as schools, colleges, and universities, movie theatres, music festivals, hospitals and medical clinics, shopping malls, and religious institutions have highlighted the dangers of gun-related violence and clearly demonstrates that it can occur any place at any time; and

WHEREAS, Community violence, which is often gun violence that occurs in a community but does not directly impact a child, still negatively impacts learning, health, and behavior, interfering with the ability of students to succeed in school and in life;

WHEREAS, The crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a sustained, coordinated, and collaborative effort involving entire communities, elected officials at every level of government, law enforcement, and the entire criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County residents are adversely impacted by gun violence that results in an average of fifty deaths every year, half of whom are youth homicide victims aged 10-24 years old, and over a hundred life threatening gunshot injuries that require trauma-level hospital care; and

WHEREAS, We strive to use data to make informed decisions about public policy and must also look to the evidence about gun violence to make rational choices about gun control policies needed to protect our children and their safety; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials must commit to closing gaps in the current patchwork of regulation, including those gaps that enable felons, people convicted of domestic violence, children, those found to be a danger to themselves or others, and other prohibited persons to access firearms and ammunition, and those that allow the trafficking of illegal guns; and

WHEREAS, Since the Sandy Hook Massacre in 2012, where twenty 6- and 7-year-old children and six members of the school's staff were murdered by a single gunman using a semi-automatic handgun and semi-automatic rifle, there have been more than 200 school shootings nationwide with 138 people killed and another 300 people injured, shattering communities and leaving emotional scars;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey demands action from our Federal Representatives to adopt stricter controls governing the sale, transfer, possession, manufacturing, and distribution of all firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That those stricter controls include not only comprehensive and thorough background checks of all purchases of firearms, including curios and relics, dangerous weapons, and ammunition, and include the purchase of those items facilitated through the internet and at gun shows, but also an outright ban on semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, armor-piercing ammunition, bump stocks, and any other equipment, alteration, or modification that would increase a firearm's capacity for ammunition or rate of fire, as well as reasonable waiting periods and mandated training in the safe use of guns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support the elimination of the Dickey Amendment and any other restrictions on the collection and compiling of data related to violence perpetrated with firearms, including research into the causes and consequences of gun violence, such as that research that was begun by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but abruptly halted in 1996 when the Dickey Amendment was enacted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County of Monterey supports organized student and adult ally action to amplify students' voices and work toward creating a future where children are no longer murdered in schools, including such activities as walkouts, sit-ins, civics training, voter registration campaigns, and other acts of civil disobedience and peaceful protest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County of Monterey transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and that we demand those officials take immediate action to enact meaningful gun control legislation and prevent even one more person being harmed by gunfire.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ 2018, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Nickolas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

Deputy