

Item # 67
Proposed Revised Resolution

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

COMMISSIONER NAN RICH

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON A COMMONSENSE GUN CONTROL POLICY LAWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CONSIDERATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLES SUCH AS THE AR-15; A RESTRICTION ON THE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION AND NUMBER OF FIREARMS THAT MAY BE PURCHASED BY AN INDIVIDUAL; A RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF MODIFIERS TO FIREARMS; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE GUN REGISTRY; MANDATORY REPORTING OF ALL FIREARM SALES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; A REQUIREMENT OF AN EARNED PERMIT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO PURCHASE A FIREARM; ~~AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR ALL FIREARM SALES; AND THE PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ASSIST WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS;~~ AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the heartbreaking tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School cut the lives of 17 beloved students and teachers far too short; and

WHEREAS, since the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School, 122 students have been killed in mass school shootings in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the weapon used in the Parkland murders (an AR-15 .223 assault rifle) was the same weapon used in the Las Vegas shooting, the Pulse nightclub massacre, and the Sandy Hook school shooting, and was purportedly legally purchased

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1 by the shooter in Broward County despite his history of mental illness and expulsion
2 from school due to disciplinary issues; and

3 WHEREAS, although it is the state and federal governments that control gun
4 regulation, a dialogue between the County and state and federal legislators on
5 comprehensive, commonsense gun ~~control solutions~~ laws is needed; and

6 WHEREAS, the County urges the state and federal authorities to adopt the
7 following ~~five~~ six solutions to help prevent further mass tragedies: (1) a comprehensive
8 ban on semiautomatic rifles and .50 caliber guns, such as the AR-15; (2) a law requiring
9 an individual seeking to buy a gun to have a license, or permit, to purchase the gun,
10 with a precondition to the issuance of such license or permit that the individual must
11 attend and pass a safety course and pass a mental fitness test; (3) a law establishing a
12 state gun registry, requiring owners to license and register their weapons, and requiring
13 federal and private sellers of guns to immediately report all sales of guns to law
14 enforcement; (4) the establishment of universal background checks and a single,
15 regulated agency for conducting all background checks at the state level; (5) the
16 provision of supplemental funding on an annual basis to assist school districts to (a)
17 establish or expand comprehensive school-based mental health programs that increase
18 awareness of mental health issues among children and school-aged youth, (b) train
19 educators and other school staff to detect and respond to mental health issues, and (c)
20 connect children, youth, and families who may experience behavioral health issues with
21 appropriate services; and ~~(5)~~ a restriction on the amount of ammunition that may be
22 purchased and the number of firearms an individual may purchase, as well as a
23 restriction on the modification of a weapon using a trigger guard or a bump stock and a
24 restriction on large-capacity magazines, NOW, THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
2 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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4 Section 1. The Board urges the Florida Legislature and federal authorities to
5 take immediate action and enact ~~legislation on~~ comprehensive, ~~commonsense~~ sensible
6 ~~gun control~~ laws that would include the items stated in the above whereas clauses.

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8 Section 2. The Board directs the County Administrator to transmit a certified
9 copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Florida Senate President, Florida House
10 Speaker, the Chair and all members of the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the
11 United States Senators representing Florida, and all members of the United States
12 House of Representatives that represent Broward County.

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14 Section 3. The Board directs the County's state and federal lobbyists to
15 advocate for the passage of the legislation accomplishing the purposes set forth in
16 Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards
17 Section to include this item in its future legislative priorities packages.

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19 Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

20 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the
21 invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the
22 remainder of this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any
23 portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies),
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1 property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability
2 hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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4 Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

5 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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7 ADOPTED this day of , 2018.

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9 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
10 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

11 By /s/ Angela F. Benjamin 02/26/18
12 Angela F. Benjamin (date)
13 Senior Assistant County Attorney

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