

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

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

4           WHEREAS, the County urges the state and federal authorities to adopt the  
5 following five solutions to help prevent further mass tragedies: (1) a comprehensive ban  
6 on semiautomatic rifles and .50 caliber guns, such as the AR-15; (2) a law requiring an  
7 individual seeking to buy a gun to have a license, or permit, to purchase the gun, with a  
8 precondition to the issuance of such license or permit that the individual must attend  
9 and pass a safety course and pass a mental fitness test; (3) a law establishing a state  
10 gun registry, requiring owners to license and register their weapons, and requiring  
11 federal and private sellers of guns to immediately report all sales of guns to law  
12 enforcement; (4) the establishment of universal background checks and a single,  
13 regulated agency for conducting all background checks at the state level; and (5) a  
14 restriction on the amount of ammunition that may be purchased and the number of  
15 firearms an individual may purchase, as well as a restriction on the modification of a  
16 weapon using a trigger guard or a bump stock, NOW, THEREFORE,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
18 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

19           Section 1.   The Board urges the Florida Legislature and federal authorities to  
20 take immediate action and enact legislation on comprehensive, commonsense gun  
21 control that would include the items stated in the above whereas clauses.

22           Section 2.   The Board directs the County Administrator to transmit a certified  
23 copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Florida Senate President, Florida House  
24 Speaker, the Chair and all members of the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the

1 United States Senators representing Florida, and all members of the United States  
2 House of Representatives that represent Broward County.

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

7 Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

8 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the  
9 invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the  
10 remainder of this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any  
11 portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies),  
12 property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability  
13 hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

14 Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

15 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

17 ADOPTED this                    day of                    , 2018.

19 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:  
20 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

21 By /s/ Angela F. Benjamin                    02/21/18  
22                    Angela F. Benjamin                    (date)  
23                    Senior Assistant County Attorney

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