

RESOLUTION NO. 19-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD; SUPPORT A NATIONAL "RED FLAG" LAW; SUPPORTING MORE STRINGENT RULES REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS, ESPECIALLY AT GUN SHOWS; CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF LAWS GOVERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HIGH-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES AND MILITARY-STYLE ASSAULT WEAPONS; ENCOURAGING CONGRESS AND ALL FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ADOPT SUCH LEGISLATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida has recently been the scene of two tragic mass killings, and residents continue to read of gun violence throughout the state and country; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Clearwater understands the significance of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution, it also supports the guiding principle of American government that all men are entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater is concerned over the escalation of mass shootings as well as those individual incidents which have resulted in death and injuries; and

WHEREAS, this spate of recent tragic shootings at places such as schools, movie theatres, shopping malls, religious institutions, and neighborhoods has also underscored the need for improved access to mental health treatment that meets standards of care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater believes that law enforcement personnel are having more difficulty in aggressively pursuing those who obtain and use guns illegally and in tracking the movement of guns used in crimes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Clearwater supports legislation that would establish a national "red flag" law, and more stringent rules regarding background checks, especially at gun shows, and calls for a review of laws governing the accessibility of high-capacity ammunition magazines and military-style assault weapons as responsible measures to provide for the public's safety while maintaining individual rights and calls on its Members of Congress and all federal elected officials to adopt such legislation, without further delay.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Pamela K. Akin
City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk