

28TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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RESOLUTION NO. 3558

SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION

TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA AND IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the horrific tragedy in Newtown on December 14, 2012, has begun a national conversation on understanding the causes of gun violence, finding ways to decrease gun violence and providing for the safety of our children; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Stamford is among the safest cities in America, it has seen gun violence on our streets and the harm it can bring to our communities, especially to our youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Board of Representatives understands the need for the dialogue on gun violence and strongly encourages the passage of smart gun control and mental health legislation that will address the root causes of gun violence and gun and ammunition access issues; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Board of Representatives also wishes to support the call by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and others for the President, the United States Congress, the Governor of Connecticut, and the Connecticut General Assembly to immediately take legislative action to accomplish such purposes; and

WHEREAS, such laws will not, and should not, prevent the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms by the citizens of the City of Stamford, the State of Connecticut and the United States of America, for sport, recreation and self-defense purposes; and

WHEREAS, such laws should, and will, promote and enhance the safety of our children, and their right to grow up and live full and productive lives, free of fear and injury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stamford Board of Representatives does hereby:

1. Express its support for smart and strong gun legislation including universal background checks, a ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, required permits for all guns, and other steps such as safe storage for weapons;

2. Express its support for enhanced mental health services, especially to those at risk of violent behavior;
3. Urge our leaders to immediately take these initial steps, then continue on that path to change the culture of violence that pervades our society and our nation; and
4. Authorize and direct a copy of this resolution to be sent to the President of the United States, the leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the elected representatives of the State of Connecticut in the United States Congress, Governor Malloy, the Stamford delegation in the Connecticut State Legislature and the Connecticut Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, as evidence of the City's support for prompt and effective action to accomplish the purposes set forth above.



Randall M. Skigen, President



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