

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, 12 years since 32 people were killed at Virginia Tech, seven years since 26 students and teachers were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School, three years since 49 people were murdered at an Orlando nightclub, two years since 58 people were killed during a concert on the Las Vegas Strip, three months since 12 city employees were killed at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, and four weeks since 22 people were killed at an El Paso Walmart, we continue to face the ongoing epidemic of mass shootings in our nation; and

WHEREAS, ongoing political inaction forces the Savannah City Council to confront the limited ability of local governments to enact common-sense gun safety measures in our communities, including in our own government buildings, libraries, recreation centers, parks, public festivals, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that our inability to enact common-sense gun safety measures in our community has a significant impact on our core responsibility to create a safe and resilient city for every resident, worker and visitor in Savannah, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Savannah, Georgia, urges the Georgia General Assembly and the United States Congress to take action to address gun violence, and echoes the call for “votes and laws,” not just thoughts and prayers to address the emergency of gun violence in our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Savannah City Council urges the members of Savannah’s Legislative Delegation to support common-sense gun-safety legislation, including:

- universal background checks for all gun buyers;
- “red flag” or “extreme risk protective order” legislation to create a legal process for the temporary removal of firearms from individuals deemed to pose an imminent risk of violence to themselves or others;
- bans on assault weapons, high-capacity magazines, armor-piercing ammunition, and bump stocks;
- legislation granting localities the authority to prohibit or restrict the possession, transportation or carrying of firearms into public buildings, publicly approved events, or on other property owned by a locality
- legislation granting local municipalities the authority to determine how to dispose of weapons that are unclaimed or have no evidentiary value.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Savannah City Council urges the members of the Georgia General Assembly to adopt rules and procedures and the opportunity to vote on all filed legislation, and to consider each proposal on its own merits in an open, transparent process.

Adopted:

EDDIE DELOACH, MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council of Savannah, Georgia

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
City Clerk