



CITY OF BEACON

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2018

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION ON APRIL 20 TO PROTECT STUDENTS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2018, the Network for Public Education has organized a National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools to encourage school communities to engage in acts of protest around their schools to demonstrate the school and the local community's determination to keep students safe; and

WHEREAS, April 20 is the anniversary date of the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. Since Columbine, 129 people have been killed in school shootings, including the 17 students and educators who were murdered in February, 2018 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that schools in Beacon remain a sanctuary for teaching and learning, and a safe, nurturing environmental for all; and

WHEREAS, the City supports legislation, regulation, and public policy intended to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the City supports community action to send a message to elected state and federal government officials to pass tougher guns laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council hereby declares April 20, 2018 as a National Day of Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council calls upon the state and federal governments to enact stricter controls governing the sale, possession and distribution of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such stricter controls should include:

- Legislation to raise the age to purchase a firearm to 21.
- Legislation banning bump stocks.
- Legislation prohibiting the sale, production and importation of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

- Legislation to prevent certain individuals with mental health conditions from buying firearms, in conjunction with legislation, regulations or public policies that encourage mental health evaluations, including ongoing mental and behavioral health support for students identified as being of imminent threat to themselves or others, and enhanced student access to mental health supports in schools and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall send a copy of this Resolution to New York State Senator Sue Serino and Assemblyman Frank Skartados, and United States Representative Sean Patrick Maloney and United States Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.				<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required			
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Terry Nelson					
		Jodi McCredo					
		George Mansfield					
		Lee Kyriacou					
		John Rembert					
		Amber Grant					
		Mayor Randy Casale					
Motion Carried							