

RESOLUTION NO. ____
URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
REGARDING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MEASURES

WHEREAS, gun violence is a serious threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut, like other states, experiences gun violence on an almost daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut has been the location of some of the worst mass-shootings in the history of the United States, including the Connecticut Lottery shooting, the Hartford Distributors shooting, and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting; and

WHEREAS, the United States is in the midst of an epidemic of gun violence, with tens of thousands of gun deaths per year, and a much higher rate of gun deaths and injuries than other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, a sudden outbreak of mass shootings has taken place over the past few months across the United States, including in the communities of El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio and Gilroy, California; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a patchwork of gun laws and regulations, meaning that gun violence can easily be exported from states and communities with lax gun laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 30th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT

The Board of Representatives calls on the United States Congress to ~~immediately reconvene~~ take up pending gun legislation in order to fund federal research on gun violence prevention and to adopt comprehensive gun reform, including universal background checks, a ban on high-capacity assault weapons, a federal “red flag” law allowing police to confiscate firearms from people who are deemed to be a danger to themselves or to others, and a federal registry for dangerous weapon offenders.