

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island supporting the reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban and the enactment of a federal ban on ammunition clips in excess of ten rounds and supporting state and federal legislation to address known deficiencies in the regulation of gun sales, including the gun show and private sale criminal background check exceptions.

WHEREAS, in 1994, Congress enacted an assault weapons ban that prohibited the sale of certain semi-automatic and automatic weapons in order to reduce the levels of street violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the assault weapons ban expired by operation of law and, to this date, has not been renewed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the incidence of mass shootings in schools and public places has increased at the same time that the overall crime rate has been falling; and

WHEREAS, in the last several years, the amount of random, mass gun violence has accelerated and the names of communities such as Tucson, Arizona; Aurora, Colorado; Newton, Connecticut; and Virginia Tech have become synonymous with senseless loss of life and crippling injuries; and

WHEREAS, the use of semi-automatic and automatic weapons with large ammunition clips allows persons intent on harm to cause more carnage than would be possible if such weapons were unavailable; and

WHEREAS, military-style weapons coupled with large ammunition clips are not necessary for sportsmen or home protection and constitute a demonstrated threat to the general public; and

WHEREAS, under current federal and state law, criminal background checks are not required for the purchase of guns at gun shows or through private transactions; and

WHEREAS, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is an effective tool to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and other dangerous individuals, having blocked 1.9 million illegal gun purchases and permit applications in the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island supports policies that keep guns out of dangerous hands while respecting the rights of law abiding gun owners, and strongly believes that the United States Congress and the State of Washington should take action to close gaps in current regulations and keep military style-weapons and high capacity ammunition clips away from our community and especially our schools; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council supports the reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban and the enactment of a federal ban on ammunition clips in excess of ten rounds.

Section 2. The City Council supports the enactment of state and federal legislation mandating criminal background checks for all gun sales without exception.

Section 3. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to forward this Resolution to the City's congressional delegation to the 113th Congress.

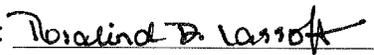
Section 4. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to forward this Resolution to the City's delegation to the Washington State Legislature.

PASSED by the City Council this 23rd day of January, 2013.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 23rd day of January, 2013.

By: 
Steven Bonkowski, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: 
Rosalind D. Lassoff, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	January 10, 2013
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	January 23, 2013
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