



CITY OF EASTHAMPTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Resolution for Firearms Safety, and Against Gun Violence
City Council of Easthampton

WHEREAS, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and Americans are 20 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

Whereas, more than 150,000 students attending more than 170 primary and secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999; and

Whereas, from Columbine, to Virginia Tech, to Sandy Hook, to Parkland, the lives of hundreds of students and school employees have been lost to the plague of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, our children have the need and the right to go to school in order to learn and grow, and they should be able to do so without fear; and

Whereas, there were 340 mass shootings in 2018; and

Whereas, there have been 328 deaths and 1,251 people injured from mass shootings in 2018, and

Whereas, from Charleston, to Las Vegas, to Pittsburgh, to Orlando, to Thousand Oaks, the lives of hundreds of adults have been lost in places where they should be free to exercise, congregate, and pray.

WHEREAS, our nation is grieving and heartbroken due to the ongoing gun violence throughout the land, especially as it has affected our children in schools in Florida, Colorado, Connecticut, Virginia, and other states; and

WHEREAS, our police officers and other first responders have suffered trauma and grave losses, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund advocate for the adoption of common sense policies to assist in reducing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the largest number of gun deaths is related to suicide in the order of close to 24,000 a year.

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people;

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is one of our most serious and fundamental responsibilities of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, each attack sees renewed calls from the public for meaningful and constitutional measures to reduce gun violence.

We therefore resolve that our local and state government representatives:

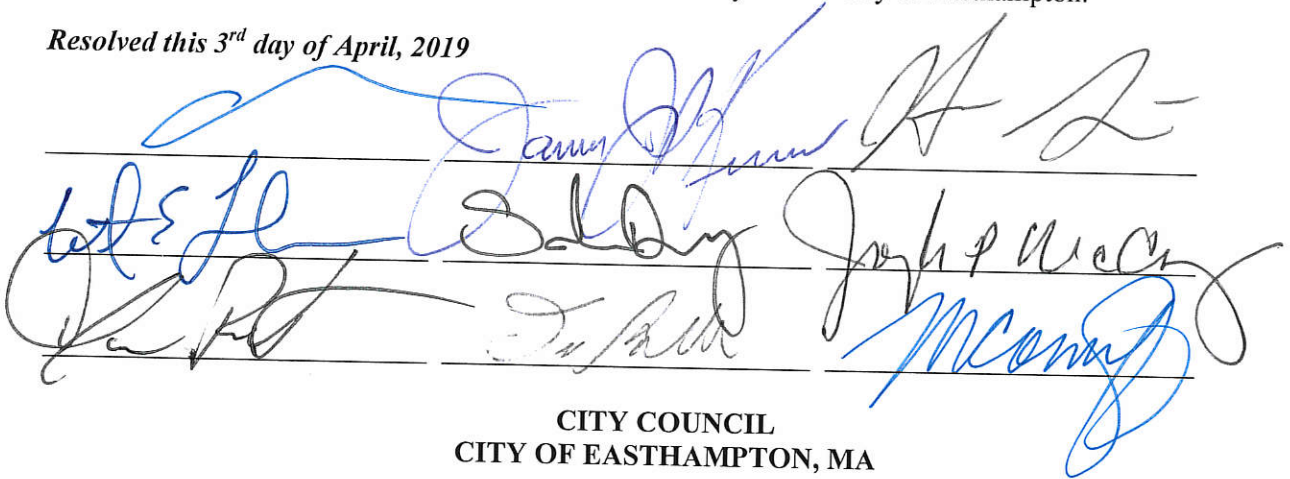
- Request the Mayor to join Mayors Against Illegal Guns, to join over 1,000 current and former mayors committed to addressing gun violence
- Encourage local law enforcement to use their role as community leaders to educate the public about local gun violence patterns and serve as advocates for measures that will have an impact.
- Provide resources to educate the public on responsible gun storage and gun safety protocols;
- Provide resources to educate the public on the Extreme Risk Protection Order law as a tool to prevent gun violence, including reducing the risk of suicide by firearms.

We further resolve that our federal government representatives:

- Enact universal background checks on all potential firearms sales, throughout the US, to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them;
- Enact gun trafficking measures that will prevent “straw purchases” that circumvent background check laws;
- Prevent sales to individuals with a history of violent crimes or domestic abuse by ensuring that background check databases are kept current;
- Vote “no” on concealed carry reciprocity;
- Prohibit the sale of high-capacity magazines and assault weapons as defined by federal law;
- Adequately fund the Centers for Disease Control to study the public health impact of, and measures for reducing, gun violence;
- Promote research and development of “smart gun” technology to reduce accidental shootings.

We further resolve to communicate these resolutions to our local, state, and federal representatives via direct communication, mail, and electronic communication. We will support firearm policies for our community, and continue to be advocates for firearm safety for the City of Easthampton.

Resolved this 3rd day of April, 2019



The image shows six handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are arranged in two rows of three. The top row signatures are: a large, flowing signature; a signature that appears to be 'James'; and a signature that appears to be 'A. S.'. The bottom row signatures are: a signature that appears to be 'W. S. H.'; a signature that appears to be 'D. D. B.'; and a signature that appears to be 'Joseph P. ...'. The signatures are written in a cursive style.

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