

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION

Motion by: Councilman Rodriguez

Second by: Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

AFFIRMATIVE: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe, Cole, Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez

NEGATIVE: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-148

TITLE: RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITIES OF UVALDE, TEXAS, BUFFALO NEW YORK, AND TULSA, OKLAHOMA, REAFFIRMING THE STRICT ASSAULT WEAPONS LAWS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND URGING CONGRESS TO ADOPT COMMON-SENSE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR ALL AMERICANS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven is saddened by the unthinkable and horrific shooting committed at Robb Elementary School on May 24, 2022, resulting in the death of 19 children and 2 teachers and impacting the entire Uvalde community and beyond forevermore, as well as the other recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, those members of the governing body supporting the within resolution call for an end to the senseless violence and demands that access to assault weapons be restricted in communities around our country through improved legislation at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Children throughout the nation continue to be victimized by violent crimes involving firearms; and

WHEREAS, Children and educators alike must regularly bear the burden of preparedness drills; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 235 mass shootings nationwide in the first 185 days of 2022, including 27 occurring at schools, emphasizing the extreme need to immediately address access to firearms and the delivery of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, according to a report from the John Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, as of 2020 firearms became the leading cause of death among children under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, over the last two decades more children have died by Gun Violence than active duty military and on-duty law enforcement officers, combined; and

WHEREAS, only 7 states and the District of Columbia ban assault weapons; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Americans agree that we should ban the sale of assault weapons as well as high-capacity magazines or clips that can hold 10, 30, 50, or 100 bullets at a time; and

WHEREAS, nearly ninety percent of Americans support requiring all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, no matter where they purchase the weapon or from whom they buy it; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday of June each year is National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, those members of the governing body supporting the within resolution respect the rights of the vast majority of gun owners who are respectful of the tremendous power of these weapons and who are constantly vigilant and responsible in the management and use of firearms. We support the responsible use of firearms with proper training and licensing. We also believe that reasonable compromise is the key to both protecting the rights promised in the Constitution of the United States of America as well as assuring the public's safety. Thus, gun control regulations must be increased to assure that all mass shooting events, including Uvalde, Buffalo and Tulsa are not repeated. Our community of Fair Haven demands that the strict assault weapons laws of our State be held as the model for the rest of the nation to ensure these types of atrocities never occur in any community going forward; and

WHEREAS, residents, neighbors and elected leaders in Fair Haven need to speak up and advocate for reasonable measures from the federal government that limit access to assault weapons and implement processes that prevent future violent incidents involving guns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by those members of the governing body supporting the within resolution, the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey:

- (1) Extends its condolences to the victims of the recent mass shooting events in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo, New York, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and victims of all mass shootings this year;
- (2) Urges our national leadership including all members of Congress, regardless of party affiliation, to identify, approve and implement common-sense gun reform legislation, including access to and ownership of assault weapons and ammunition, background checks for purchases of firearms, waiting periods, accurate reporting of the activities of at-risk individuals, the delivery of mental health services, and resources and support to ensure a safe and secure school climate; and
- (3) Formally request that elected and appointed officials across the country join us in encouraging the U.S. Congress, regardless of party affiliation, to immediately take actionable steps to protect all communities, including the community of Fair Haven, from the senseless carnage that results from the current status of gun access, including access to assault style weapons.

I, Allyson M. Cinquegrana, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey at a meeting held on June 13, 2022.



Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk