



Legislation Text

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A Resolution Recognizing Gun Violence as a Public Health and Safety Emergency (B)

Resolution No. 170840

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY; REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF GAINESVILLE OR RELIEVE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON FLORIDA CITIES AND COUNTIES TO ALLOW US TO TAKE ACTION; EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ARMING FLORIDA TEACHERS; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Commission: (1) adopt the proposed Resolution, and (2) direct the Clerk of the Commission to send copies of the Resolution to the Alachua County Legislative Delegation and the Governor.

The City Commission, at its meeting of March 1, 2017, discussed a draft resolution prepared by Commissioner Ward and directed the City Attorney to "[d]raft a resolution in support of a ban on assault rifles, high capacity gun magazines, bump stocks and to oppose arming teachers in Florida schools." The City Attorney's Office placed Commissioner Ward's draft in City Resolution format and updated it to include a ban on bump stocks and high capacity magazines and opposition to arming teachers as per the motion approved by the City Commission.