

RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 2162

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA (“TOWN”) SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL GUN TRAFFICKING BY USING GOVERNMENT PURCHASING POWER TO INFLUENCE GUN MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS TO USE SALES PRACTICES THAT PREVENT GUNS FROM FALLING INTO CRIMINAL HANDS; DIRECTING THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION SUPPLIERS TO LEVERAGE THIS PURCHASING POWER TO PRESS FOR MORE RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES IN THE GUN INDUSTRY BY ENCOURAGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SALES AND MARKETING SAFEGUARDS THAT PREVENT GUNS FROM FALLING INTO CRIMINAL HANDS; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TOGETHER WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTNER WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE A COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SEND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL SOUTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., ALL MEMBERS OF FLORIDA’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Surfside is a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns (“MAIG), a national, bipartisan coalition of more than 800 mayors, who represent more than 58 million Americans strongly support the Fix Gun Checks Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission adopted Resolution No. 13-2130 calling on the Federal Government to reduce gun violence in America and to support the passage of the “Fix Gun Checks Act” and other measures to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Federally licensed gun dealers are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked guns, according to a 2000 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) report; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments are among the gun industry's biggest customers, due to the bulk weapons and ammunition purchases made for law enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement and elected officials can leverage this purchasing power to press for more responsible practices in the gun industry by working with gun manufacturers and distributors to implement sales and marketing safeguards that prevent guns from falling into criminal hands; and

WHEREAS, gun murders in Florida rose 38 percent from 2000-2011, (Florida Center for Investigative Reporting – FCIR); and

WHEREAS, guns are used in more than 70 percent of Florida homicides, up from 56 percent in 2000 (FCIR); and

WHEREAS, guns often fall into criminal hands through “straw purchases,” where a friend or family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along; and

WHEREAS, MAIG and Wal-Mart have laid out a comprehensive plan to curb firearms illegal trafficking and reached an agreement which requires basic and sensible marketing safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee background checks (“Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership”); and

WHEREAS, Surfside has been a strong advocate for common-sense policies that keep guns out of dangerous hands while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners, and strongly believes that local, state and federal government should take action to leverage this purchasing power to press for more responsible practices in the gun industry by working with gun manufacturers and distributors to implement sales and marketing safeguards that prevent guns from falling into criminal hands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Direction to Town Manager Together With The Surfside Police Department:

- A. To partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this initiative to influence gun manufacturers and distributors to use sales practices that prevent guns from falling into criminal hands.
- B. To work with weapons and ammunition suppliers to leverage this purchasing power to press for more responsible practices in the gun industry by encouraging the implementation of sales and marketing safeguards that prevent guns from falling into criminal hands.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all South Florida municipalities, The Florida League of Cities, Inc., Members of Florida’s Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama Administration.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Olchyk, second by Commissioner Graubart.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Joseph Graubart	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Michelle Kligman	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Marta Olchyk	<u>YES</u>
Vice Mayor Michael Karukin	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>YES</u>



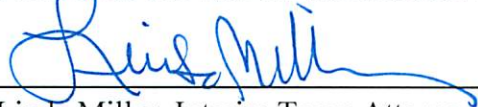
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Linda Miller, Interim Town Attorney