

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 489

Approved October 25, 2018

WHEREAS, Currently, there exists no law in the State of Rhode Island requiring the registration of firearms at purchase; and

WHEREAS, The only time firearms are required to be registered are if it is a weapon used in a crime of violence or the owner has been convicted of a crime of violence; and

WHEREAS, Requiring registration only after a crime has been committed slows down the police's investigation process; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, it makes it harder to track firearms and keep them out of the streets and out of the hands of criminals; and

WHEREAS, Registering firearms comes with multiple benefits, such as reducing illegal firearm sales, assisting law enforcement in disarming dangerous individuals, and tracing firearms used in violent crimes, which is why six states and the District of Columbia have laws requiring registration of some or all firearms; and

WHEREAS, As public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the City Council has a moral obligation to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals in order to assure the safety of the people of Providence, and the State of Rhode Island.

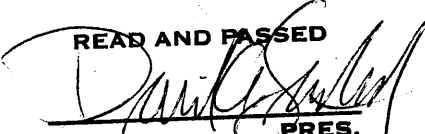
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass legislation requiring registration of all firearms.

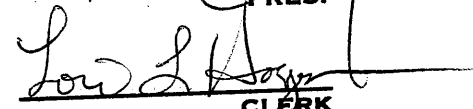
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected City of Providence representatives to the Rhode Island State House and Senate as well as the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

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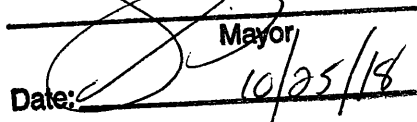
READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date:  10/25/18