

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 73

Approved February 6, 2023

WHEREAS, Every year, more than 40,000 Americans are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS, From 2011 to 2020, the rate of gun deaths has increased by 73% in Rhode Island compared to a 33% increase nationwide; and

WHEREAS, By early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

WHEREAS, A gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed; and

WHEREAS, Forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of American adults, including 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens; and

WHEREAS, People in America in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for commonsense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, By commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week from February 1 to February 7, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council renews its commitment to reduce gun violence and pledges to do all in its power to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourages responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council hereby commemorates February 1 to February 7, 2023, in honor of National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all residents to support our communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and the Rhode Island Chapter of Moms Demand Action.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/6/23