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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 377

Approved June 25, 1999

WHEREAS, Americans own about 200 million firearms, roughly one-third of which are handguns; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of United States households report owning one or more guns and many of them are kept in homes for self-protection and are stored while loaded; and

WHEREAS, accidental injury and death among children who find loaded weapons have raised a call for preventive measures; and

WHEREAS, a 1991 General Accounting Office (GAO) study reported firearms to be the fourth leading cause of accidental death among children between the ages of five and fourteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, a representative from the American Academy of Pediatrics called firearms death "among the most preventable of all childhood fatalities; and

WHEREAS, most states hold adults financially liable when his/her children gain access to his/her firearm and most states also offer gun safety education and require firearms to have built-in safety features,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council urges the enactment of statewide legislation that would require safe storage of all firearms and that would hold parents liable should his/her child(ren) gain access to loaded, unsecured weapons that are kept in his/her home(s).

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 17 1999
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

