

Requesting The United States Congress Implement Federal Laws That Will Protect The Health, Safety and Welfare Of The Public From Death And Injury, Due To The Intentional Or Unintentional Misuse Of Firearms

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Ronk, Briggs and Maio)

Legislators Donald J. Gregorius and David B. Donaldson offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution preserves “*the right of the people to keep and bear arms*”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has held that there are certain restrictions and limitations to the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, there are laws in individual States and other municipalities that require procedures such as mandatory background checks, waiting periods and permitting, that can be effective in deterring the ability of persons to illegally purchase firearms, and

WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of Government is to protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Public and there have been numerous shootings in colleges, grade schools, shopping malls and other public places; and

WHEREAS, fire fighters, police officers, teachers, students, school personnel, political officials, postal workers and other public and private persons have been targeted and murdered by people that are felons, mentally deficient, of ill will, and/or are prohibited from owning firearms; and

WHEREAS, firearms commonly known as assault rifles, and other firearms with large capacity ammunition clips, have been used in incidents resulting in mass casualties, and each day that passes risks the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to enact laws that are consistent to avoid loopholes where background checks, waiting periods, and types of firearms can be purchased in one state through private sales, gun shows, and gun dealers, then easily transported to another state with more stringent laws and it is virtually impossible for individual states to control the importing of firearms; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature requests the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States establish and implement federal laws that will protect the safety of the public from the tragic consequences of intentional and unintentional misuse of firearms; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the United States, Barack Obama, United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congressman Chris Gibson,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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