[Supporting the Renewal of the Assault Weapons Ban of 2023]

Resolution supporting the renewed Senate Bill Assault Weapons Ban of 2023 to cease the sale, transfer, manufacture, and import of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and raise the minimum age to purchase any assault weapon from 18 to 21 years old.

WHEREAS, In 1994, Congress enacted an assault weapons ban that prohibited the sale of certain semi-automatic weapons in order to reduce levels of violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the assault weapons ban expired by operation of law and, to this date, has not been renewed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, In the first three weeks of 2023 the United States has seen at least 38 mass shootings including three in California; and

WHEREAS, The preferred chosen weapon for mass shooters is an assault-style weapon, such as the AR-15; and

WHEREAS, Congress was able to approve the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in 2022, expanding background checks and providing funding for mental health and violence intervention programs, yet this deadly trend continues at a staggering rate; and

WHEREAS, Given the ongoing rampant travesties of mass shootings nationwide, robust regulation on assault weapons is urgently needed; and

WHEREAS, Senators Feinstein, Murphy, Blumenthal and others have reintroduced a federal Assault Weapons Ban that would codify deeper protections of our communities from weapons of war; and

WHEREAS, The federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2023 will ban the sale, manufacture, transfer, and import of 205 military-style assault weapons by name; and

WHEREAS, Assault weapons with the capacity to utilize a magazine that is not a fixed ammunition magazine and has one or more military characteristics including a pistol grip, a forward grip, a barrel shroud, a threaded barrel or a folding or telescoping stock shall be banned; and

WHEREAS, Magazines and other ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, allowing shooters to quickly fire many rounds without needing to reload shall be banned; and

WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Ban will require a background check upon any future sale, trade or gifting of an assault weapon; and

WHEREAS, Grandfathered assault weapons shall be stored using a secure gun storage safety device like a trigger lock and the transfer of high-capacity ammunition magazines shall be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, Bump-fire stocks and other devices that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire at fully automatic rates shall be banned; and

WHEREAS, Under current federal law, an individual is required to be at least 21 years old to legally purchase a handgun but only 18 years of age to legally purchase an assault rifle such as an AR-15; and

WHEREAS, The legislation would create parity in federal firearms law by prohibiting the sale of assault weapons to individuals under 21; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City renew the commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all that it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep the children safe; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends
Senators Dianne Feinstein, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Murphy and others for their leadership
on gun violence prevention issues; and, be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on the local Congressional leaders to support this renewed federal Assault Weapons Ban; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution and to United States Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Kevin Mullin.



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January 31, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Safai,

Stefani and Walton Absent: 1 - Ronen

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/31/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 02/09/2023

London N. Breed Date Approved Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date