

**RESOLUTION NO. R2022-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE DOMESTIC TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS IN UVALDE, TEXAS; CONDEMNING THE DOMESTIC TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK; CONDEMNING THE DOMESTIC TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA; AND CONDEMNING THE DOMESTIC TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA; EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM; URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CONGRESS, THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS; URGING THE PASSAGE OF SENSIBLE GUN REGULATIONS TO PREVENT MASS MURDER AND GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FLORIDA U.S. SENATORS, LEADERS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS, THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND MIAMI-DADE LEAGUE OF CITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a long history of mass murder in the United States due to proliferation of assault weapons, which include AR-15 and AK 47's; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Bloomberg news, the United States is the leader in gun violence deaths for countries with developed economies per 100,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, A 2019 study out of New York University's School of Medicine found that mass shooting deaths involving assault weapons fell slightly in the decade of the 1994 federal assault weapon ban, and then rose dramatically in the decade that followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2022, in Uvalde, Texas, a domestic terrorist used an AR-15 assault automatic weapon to gun down nineteen (19) young elementary students and two teachers within a short period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the mass shooting of elementary school aged children and their teachers in Texas was a horrific reminder for many South Floridians about the mass shooting of high school students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and the Texas shooting took place in the midst of jury selection for a trial of the domestic terrorist who murdered the

students from Parkland; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2022, a week before the mass murder in Uvalde, Texas, using the AR-15 high power assault weapon, a domestic terrorist filled with white supremacist hatred killed ten (10) African-Americans, including a retired police officer, and injured three (3) others in a short period of time in a predominantly black neighborhood in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2022, at a church in Laguna Falls, California, a domestic terrorist attacked a Taiwanese-American church and killed one (1) parishioner and injuring five (5) parishioners with a high capacity weapon; and

**WHEREAS**, before the recent mass shootings, on October 27, 2018, a domestic terrorist filled with anti-Semitic hatred killed eleven (11) and injured six (6) congregants of a Jewish synagogue using a high capacity weapon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the deaths of the innocent people in mass shootings may be preventable if assault weapons and high capacity magazines are banned and sensible gun regulations are enacted to ensure that guns are not in the hands of deranged individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission expresses condolences to the families of the victims of mass shootings in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission strongly urges the national and state leaders of the United States to enact sensible gun regulations to prevent mass shootings of innocent Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach condemns the mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo, New York, Laguna Hills, California, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, as follows:

**Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

**Section 2.** The City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach condemns the mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo, New York, Laguna Hills, California, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Section 3.** The City Commission strongly urges national and state leaders to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines and enact sensible gun regulations to deter mass shootings in the United States.

**Section 4.** The City Commission directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, Florida United States Senators, Chair of South

Florida Congressional Delegation and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Florida Governor, the Presiding Officers of the Florida Legislature, Mayor/Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, and the Executive Director of Miami Dade League of Cities.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this **the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2022.**

ATTEST:

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ANDRISE BERNARD, MMC  
CITY CLERK

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ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO  
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE AND FOR EXECUTION

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HANS OTTINOT  
CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored By: Vice Mayor Mckenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Paule Villard,  
and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler