

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15-1993

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRAFFICKING THROUGH MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN SALES AND MARKETING PRACTICES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, federally licensed gun dealers are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked guns, according to a 2000 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives report; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, gun murders in Florida rose 38 percent between 2000 and 2011 and guns are used in more than 70 percent of Florida homicides, up from 56 percent in 2000, and

WHEREAS, guns often fall into criminal hands through "straw purchases", where a friend or family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along, and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands and leads to a lower incidence of guns being recovered from violent crimes, and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart have developed the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearms through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices and reached an agreement which requires basic and sensible marketing safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee training and background checks, and

WHEREAS, in the voluntary code signed by retailers that participate in the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, retailers agree to provide a computerized crime gun trace log and alert system, require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, provide point of sale signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and prohibit sales without background check results, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens commends and applauds the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors which contribute to the reduction of gun violence and crimes in our communities, and supports the creation of a coalition in support of the initiative to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking, and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Felicia Robinson is recommending that the City Council support these efforts and participate in an initiative with other municipalities for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby supports efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices.

Section 3: DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager is hereby directed to partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this

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initiative and this work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage the consideration of sales and marketing safeguards.

Section 4: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all South Florida Municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., all members of the Florida's Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama Administration.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2014.

  
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OLIVER GILBERT, III, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY  
SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON

Moved by: Councilwoman Odom  
Second by: Councilman Harris

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No) (not present)
Vice Mayor Lisa Davis	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman David Williams Jr	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Rodney Harris	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro, Ph.D.	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)



## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b> 1/22/2014		<b>Item Type:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Resolution</b> X	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>		
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	
		X		<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<i>(Enter Fund &amp; Dept)</i> Ex: General Fund- Police		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
						X	
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>	N/A			
		X					
<b>Strategic Plan Related</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Priority Area:</b>  Enhance Organizational <input type="checkbox"/> Bus. & Economic Dev <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Education <input type="checkbox"/> Qual. of Life & City Image <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Strategic Plan Obj./Strategy:</b> <i>(list the specific objective/strategy this item will address)</i>			
		X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b> Councilwoman Felicia Robinson			<b>Department:</b> City Council				

### Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRAFFICKING THROUGH MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN SALES AND MARKETING PRACTICES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### Staff Summary:

Federally licensed gun dealers are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked guns, according to a 2000 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives report. According to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, gun murders in Florida rose 38 percent between 2000 and 2011 and guns are used in more than 70 percent of Florida homicides, up from 56 percent in 2000. Guns often fall into criminal hands through "straw purchases," where a friend

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or family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along, and according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands and leads to a lower incidence of guns being recovered from violent crimes. Moreover, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart have developed the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearms through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices and reached an agreement which requires basic and sensible marketing safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee training and background checks. In the voluntary code signed by retailers that participate in the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, retailers agree to provide a computerized crime gun trace log and alert system, require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, provide point of sale signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and prohibit sales without background check results.

Councilwoman Felicia Robinson is recommending that the Miami Gardens City Council commend and applaud the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors which contribute to the reduction of gun violence and crimes in our communities, and supports the creation of a coalition in support of the initiative to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking by adopting the attached Resolution.

The Resolution also directs that the City Manager partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this initiative and to work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage the consideration of sales and marketing safeguards. The Resolution further directs that The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all South Florida municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., all members of Florida's Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama Administration.

**Proposed Action:**

*That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution.*

**Attachment:**