

INTRODUCED: 7/10/2023

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors Boots, Adamson, Barth, Carlino, E. Evans, Jackson, Jones, Lewis, Mascari, McCormick, Ray

DIGEST: recognizes Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action as two organizations that have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advocating for common-sense gun legislation and ending the epidemic of gun violence in our communities

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Boots

Drafted by: Kimberly Nance, Council Relations Liaison

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: July 6, 2023

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2023

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action as two organizations that have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advocating for common-sense gun legislation and ending the epidemic of gun violence in our communities.

WHEREAS, following the Sandy Hook tragedy in 2012, where a gunman entered an elementary school and took the lives of twenty children and six educators, Shannon Watts founded Moms Demand Action as a grassroots movement to empower and mobilize individuals to fight for stronger gun laws and safer communities; and

WHEREAS, with chapters in every state and more than 10 million supporters, Moms Demand Action, through its advocacy efforts, has been instrumental in securing important victories at the state and federal levels, including the passage of red flag laws and expanding background checks; and

WHEREAS, Students Demand Action is a student-led initiative that is part of Moms Demand Action and works to empower young people to take action on gun violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, both Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action have successfully organized rallies and events across the country and have been a powerful voice in the fight for gun reform; and

WHEREAS, estimates show that 4.6 million American children live in a home where at least one gun is kept loaded and unlocked; and

WHEREAS, today's youth have grown up with lockdown drills and safety seminars, resulting in lifelong psychological trauma;

WHEREAS, guns are the leading cause of death among children, teens, and college-aged youth in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 alone, 43,000 students were exposed to an active shooter event, in which a total of 34 people, including children and adults, died from gunshot wounds; and

WHEREAS, the tireless efforts of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action have helped shine a light on the devastating toll that gun violence takes on our communities, and, by speaking out and demanding action, these organizations have inspired others to get involved in protecting their communities; and

WHEREAS, given the rising trend in gun-related deaths in Indiana and the current state laws that allow such deadly weapons to proliferate unimpeded, the Indiana chapters of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action play a critical role in advocating for legislative reform to ensure that young Hoosiers are secure in their homes and their schools;
Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council recognizes and commends Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action for their outstanding work and advocacy efforts to end gun violence in our communities.

SECTION 2. The Council extends its deepest gratitude to Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action for their tireless efforts to effect change and their continued pursuit of a future free from gun violence.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this ____ day of _____, 2023, at ____ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor