

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2547.18

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REENACTMENT OF THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; DEMANDING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO ENACT ITS OWN BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1994, the U.S. Government passed "The Federal Assault Weapons Ban," prohibiting the manufacture for civilian use of certain semi-automatic firearms it defined as "assault weapons;" and

WHEREAS, the ban established the criteria defining as assault weapon, where having two or more features, such as telescoping stock, piston grips, or barrel shrouds, on a semi-automatic weapon would be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the ban expired in accordance to its sunset provision, as it did not have enough support from Congress to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Assault Weapons Ban expired despite having support from a large majority of Americans; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines are allowed to be sold by many states, including Florida; and

WHEREAS, since the Assault Weapons Ban expired, such incidents of mass shooting with the use of assault weapons have occurred repeatedly around the nation, including the communities of Aurora, Colorado; San Bernardino, California; Newtown, Connecticut; Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018 a nineteen year old gunman armed with an AR-

15 semi-automatic weapon entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida, killing 17 students and teachers, and wounding approximately 14 others; and

WHEREAS, these incidents illustrate the dangers of assault weapons to American public life; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons are built for military purposes and not for civilian or hunting uses; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons are designed to be lethal and dangerous, with the capacity to rapidly shoot multiple targets and frequently come with magazines that allow a shooter to fire dozens of rounds without reloading; and

WHEREAS, as public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Golden Beach, the Town Council has a moral obligation to keep assault weapons off the street and from the hands of criminals in order to assure the safety of the people of Golden Beach; and

WHEREAS that the Town of Golden Beach Council strongly urges the United States Congress to reenact the ban on assault weapons; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Golden Beach Council demands that the Florida legislature and Governor enact its own ban on assault weapons; and

WHEREAS, that, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Florida Delegation of the U.S. Congress, all members of the Florida Legislature and the Governor of the state of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated

herein by this reference.

Section 2. Enact Assault Weapons Ban. The Town hereby supports and urges the members of the United States Congress to re-enact the Federal Assault Weapons Ban and alternatively demands the Florida Legislature and Governor to enact its own assault weapons ban, including a minimum age of 21 to purchase any firearm or ammunition.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Clerk is hereby instructed to deliver a copy of this resolution to all members the Florida Delegation of the U.S. Congress, all members of the Florida Legislature and the Governor of the state of Florida.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by the **Mayor Glenn Singer.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Rojas, seconded by Vice Mayor Lusskin, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida this 20th day of February, 2018.



MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:


LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY