RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
DEMANDING FEDERAL GUN REFORM ACTION TO PREVENT
DEATH AND INJURY

WHEREAS, Senseless and tragic mass shootings at places such as schools, colleges, and universities; movie theaters; music festivals; community events; hospitals and medical clinics; shopping malls; and religious institutions have highlighted the dangers of and clearly demonstrates that gun-related violence can occur any place at any time; and

WHEREAS, More than 311,000 students have been affected by gun violence at school since the 1999 Columbine mass shooting, and at least 169 children and teachers have died due to school shootings.

WHEREAS, Since the Sandy Hook Massacre in 2012, where twenty 6- and 7-year-old children and six members of the school’s staff were murdered by a single gunman using a semi-automatic handgun and semi-automatic rifle, there have been more than 200 school shootings nationwide, shattering communities and leaving emotional scars;

WHEREAS, Community violence, which is often gun violence that occurs in a community but does not directly impact a child, still negatively impacts learning, health, and behavior, interfering with the ability of students to succeed in school and in life;

WHEREAS, The crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a sustained, coordinated, and collaborative effort involving entire communities, elected officials at every level of government, law enforcement, and the entire criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, We strive to use data to make informed decisions about public policy and must also look to the evidence about gun violence to make rational choices about the gun reform policies needed to protect our children and their safety; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials must commit to closing gaps in the current patchwork of regulation, including those gaps that enable felons, people convicted of domestic violence, children, those found to be a danger to themselves or others, and other prohibited persons to access firearms, and those that allow the trafficking of illegal guns; and

WHEREAS, The recent May 2022 mass shootings in Laguna Woods (California), Buffalo (New York), Uvalde (Texas), and standoff in Seaside (California) have left our Nation heartbroken and the City of Pacific Grove is compelled to take action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE:
1. The City of Pacific Grove demands action from our State and Federal Representatives to adopt stricter controls governing the sale, transfer, possession, manufacturing, and distribution of all firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition.

2. That those stricter controls include not only comprehensive and thorough background checks of all purchases of firearms, including curios and relics; dangerous weapons; and ammunition; and include the purchase of those items facilitated through the internet and at gun shows; but also an outright ban on semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, armor-piercing ammunition, bump stocks, and any other equipment, alteration, or modification that would increase a firearm’s capacity for ammunition or rate of fire; as well as reasonable waiting periods and mandated training in the safe use of guns.

3. That we support the elimination of the Dickey Amendment and any other restrictions on the collection and compiling of data related to violence perpetrated with firearms, including research into the causes and consequences of gun violence, such as that research that was begun by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but abruptly halted in 1996 when the Dickey Amendment was enacted.

4. The City of Pacific Grove supports organized student and adult ally action to amplify students’ voices and work toward creating a future where children are no longer murdered in schools, including such activities as walkouts, sit-ins, civics training, voter registration campaigns, and other acts of civil disobedience and peaceful protest.

5. The City of Pacific Grove transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and that we demand those officials take immediate action to enact meaningful gun reform legislation and prevent even one more child being harmed by gunfire.

6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately following passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 1st day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams, Councilmembers Coletti, Poduri, Smith, and Tomlinson.
NOES: Mayor Peake and Councilmember Amelio
ABSENT: None.
APPROVED:

BILL PEAKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

DATED: 6/2/2022

SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney