

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION BANNING ASSAULT STYLE WEAPONS AND HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES; URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS AND TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH EVERY FIREARM PURCHASE IN THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, when the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was drafted, granting most citizens the right to bear arms, legislators could not the anticipate the destructive power of modern assault weapons; and

WHEREAS, the recent tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut highlights the far-reaching consequences when assault weapons fall into the hands of an individual whose clear intent is not protection or defense, but murder;

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission strongly supports enactment of new legislation banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines as a matter of common sense, and in recognition that such a ban protects both our citizens and our police officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Congress is urged to enact legislation banning assault-style firearms, and high capacity magazines.

Section 2: That Congress is urged to enact legislation to require mandatory background checks and training in conjunction with every firearm purchase in the United States.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to U.S. Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson and to U.S. Representative Joe Garcia.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK