

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT  
OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S RIGHT TO SAFETY AMENDMENT & CALL FOR A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the United States and over 110 individuals are killed from guns every single day; and

WHEREAS, Systemic inequities in combination with weak gun laws have resulted in devastating rates of gun violence within our communities of color, and firearms have become the leading cause of death for children and adolescents aged 19 and below; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has championed actions to make ghost guns illegal, train our County social workers to be aware of the signs for potential gun violence in a home, and authorized an ordinance for safe gun storage in the unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of California leads the nation with a lower gun death rate, it was the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest in the nation, and 43% lower overall than the rest of the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); primarily due to the commonsense gun safety laws that are in place; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that common sense gun safety measures are adopted across the country to help address this dire crisis; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom has proposed the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Federal Constitution to support the Right to Safety through commonsense gun safety measures; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment would permanently prioritize a federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from age 18 to 21; and

WHEREAS, mandated universal background checks would be required; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable waiting period would be instituted; and

WHEREAS, civilian purchase of assault weapons would be barred; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors supports the 28<sup>th</sup> amendment and commonsense gun safety measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the resolution in support of the proposed 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the

Federal Constitution.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
Claudia G. Silva, County Counsel  
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