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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor Alan Webber

**A RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR LUJAN GRISHAM’S CALL TO PASS GUN REFORMS,  
INCLUDING A BAN ON THE SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, called for a ban on the sale of assault weapons, an end to the state loophole on straw purchases of guns, safe storage reforms, and a law allowing victims of gun violence to bring civil suits against firearm manufacturers during her State of the State address on January 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Lujan Grisham said, “We all know that we cannot keep our people safe, we can’t keep our police officers and their families safe, if weapons of war continue to flood our neighborhoods”; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City’s Resolution establishing City of Santa Fe legislative priorities for c2023, the Governing Body supported and endorsed the creation of a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention; adoption of a Child Access Prevention (“CAP”) law; raising the age of purchase for certain rifles; and a ban on assault-style weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, according to statistics for the most recent year available compiled by the

1 Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence (EFGSV), there were 471 gun violence deaths in New  
2 Mexico in 2019, including 40 children and teens; and

3 **WHEREAS**, EFGSV data shows that the firearm homicide rate in New Mexico increased  
4 one hundred fifteen percent from 2014 to 2019, and that New Mexico ranks eight in the country  
5 for the highest firearm homicide rate; and

6 **WHEREAS**, EFGSV provides that young men of color are disproportionately impacted  
7 by firearm homicide in New Mexico, and that American Indian/Alaska Native, Black, and  
8 Hispanic/Latino males aged 15-34 all have higher firearm homicide rates than White males of the  
9 same age group; and

10 **WHEREAS**, according to Everytown for Gun Safety (Everytown), an average of 433  
11 people die and 618 people are wounded by gun violence in New Mexico annually; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to Everytown, New Mexico has the twelfth highest rate of gun  
13 violence in the United States, with the rate of gun deaths increasing 53 percent from 2011 to 2020  
14 (compared to a 33 percent increase nationwide); and

15 **WHEREAS**, Sandy Hook Promise argues that gun violence and school shootings are a  
16 uniquely American epidemic, and provides that 12 children in America die each day due to gun  
17 violence; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Sandy Hook Promise data tells us that guns are the leading cause of death  
19 among American children and teens; and

20 **WHEREAS**, according to Giffords, New Mexico had the seventh-highest gun death rate  
21 in the United States in 2020; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Giffords provides that women in the United States are twenty-one (21) times  
23 more likely to be killed with a gun than women in other high-income countries, and that Black and  
24 Latino communities account for more than three-quarters of gun homicide victims while making  
25 up less than a third of the U.S. population; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Giffords notes that assault weapons with large-capacity magazines are the  
2 weapon of choice for those seeking to cause a mass casualty attack; and

3           **WHEREAS**, also according to Giffords:

- 4           • “Assault weapons, especially assault rifles, are typically semiautomatic versions  
5 of weapons created for deadly battlefield purposes. They are designed and  
6 equipped with features that enable mass killing, including sustained, high-volume  
7 rapid fire shooting at large numbers of people in a short period of time;”
- 8           • “The availability of unusually dangerous weaponry like assault weapons and large-  
9 capacity magazines has fueled an alarming increase in high casualty mass  
10 shootings across the nation”; and “Perpetrators of many of the deadliest shootings  
11 in modern American history—including in Las Vegas, Orlando, Sandy Hook  
12 Elementary School, Sutherland Springs, El Paso, Robb Elementary School,  
13 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Aurora, and Dayton—used assault  
14 weapons equipped with large-capacity magazines”;
- 15           • “These unusually dangerous weapons also expose law enforcement officers to  
16 heightened risk from gunmen wielding increasingly high-powered combat grade  
17 weapons on civilian streets”;
- 18           • “An analysis of public mass shootings resulting in four or more deaths found that  
19 more than 85% of such fatalities were caused by assault rifles. An assailant with  
20 an assault rifle is able to hurt and kill twice the number of people compared to an  
21 assailant with a non-assault rifle or handgun;”
- 22           • “During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons ban was in effect, mass  
23 shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before  
24 and after the ban;” and
- 25           • “Studies also suggest that state level assault weapons bans help to prevent mass

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shooting deaths.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports Governor Lujan Grisham’s call for a ban on assault weapons, an end to the state loophole on straw purchases of guns, safe storage reforms, and a law allowing victims of gun violence to bring civil suits against firearm manufacturers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation and the Governor of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KRISTINE MIHELICIC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

*Legislation/2023/Resolutions/Supporting Governor’s Assault Weapons Ban*