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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Signe Lindell

**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, there were 471 gun violence deaths in New Mexico in  
2 2019, including 40 children and teens; and

3 **WHEREAS**, according to Everytown, an average of 433 people die and 618 people are  
4 wounded by gun violence in New Mexico annually; and

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

8 **WHEREAS**, according to Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence, in 2020 New Mexico  
9 had the seventh-highest gun death rate in the United States; and

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

- 11 • “Assault weapons with large-capacity magazines have become the weapon of  
12 choice for assailants seeking to perpetrate mass casualty attacks; and “Assault  
13 weapons, especially assault rifles, are typically semiautomatic versions of weapons  
14 created for deadly battlefield purposes. They are designed and equipped with  
15 features that enable mass killing, including sustained, high-volume rapid fire  
16 shooting at large numbers of people in a short period of time;”
- 17 • “Assault weapons have been used in the seven deadliest mass shootings in the last  
18 decade. An analysis of public mass shootings resulting in four or more deaths  
19 found that more than 85% of such fatalities were caused by assault rifles. An  
20 assailant with an assault rifle is able to hurt and kill twice the number of people  
21 compared to an 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 a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation and the Governor of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY