

**New Hope Borough
Bucks County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION No. 2016-16R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL URGING STATE AND
FEDERAL LAWMAKERS TO ENACT STRONGER PROTECTIONS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, an average of more than 108,000 people are shot and 32,514 people die from gun violence in murders, assaults suicides and suicide attempts, unintended shootings or by police intervention in the United States every year*; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Borough Council recognizes the Second Amendment and the rights therein, such as the right to individual gun ownership and the right to self-defense, it also recognizes that said rights are not unlimited and supports reasonable measures to ensure greater safety in the ownership, procurement and use of guns in our society; and

WHEREAS, the New Hope Borough Council wishes to support its police force in its ability to protect the safety of the citizens of, and visitors to, the Borough without threat from assault weapons or armed criminals; and

WHEREAS the New Hope Borough Council is charged with securing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough, yet is not recognized as having legal authority to enact gun safety laws; and

WHEREAS, a letter of support for gun control measures passed by the New Hope Borough Council on April 16, 2013 resulted in no response or action on the part of the officials to whom it was sent; and

WHEREAS, newly elected officials now hold office at the state and federal levels and may be more responsive to a resolution at this time, especially in light of major mass killings that have occurred in the United States since April, 2013 and the continuing threat of terrorist action made easier by ready access to automatic weapons; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is being considered and passed by multiple local governments in Bucks County as part of a concerted effort, and not merely as the action of a single Borough, as was the case of the action taken in April, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the New Hope Borough Council that New Hope Borough believes additional gun safety laws are needed to protect the safety and health of our residents and urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the United States Congress to enact laws to reduce gun violence, including:

1. Preventing known and suspected terrorists, those convicted of violent hate crimes and those with a history of domestic abuse from illegally buying guns.
2. Ensuring that background checks are required on all sales, including online and at gun shows. In Pennsylvania, preserve the provisions of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) which provides instant access to background records.

* <http://www.bradycampaign.org/key-gun-violence-statistics>

3. Funding research into the effects of gun violence and gun safety technology.
4. Requiring trigger locks on all firearms in homes where children are present.
5. Banning access to assault-style rifles.
6. Reducing the number of permissible cartridges in a clip or magazine.

This Resolution shall be distributed to current and/or newly elected individuals holding and/or newly elected to the offices of:

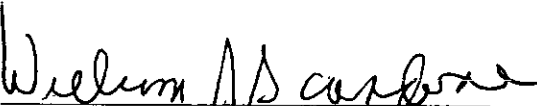
- President of the United States;
- Governor of Pennsylvania;
- United States Senator from Pennsylvania;
- United States Congressman from the 8th Congressional District of Pennsylvania;
- Pennsylvania State Senator from the 10th Senatorial District;
- Pennsylvania State representative from the 178th Legislative District.

Copies of this resolution shall also be distributed to media outlets covering New Hope Borough and shall also be posted prominently on the Borough website.

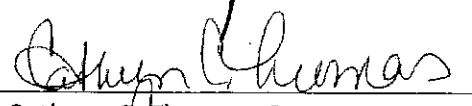
RESOLVED and ENACTED this 15th day of November, 2016.

NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

By:


William J. Scandone, President

Attest:


Cathryn C. Thomas, Secretary