

Resolve 2 – 06/07

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE  
MAYORS' SUMMIT AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS,** 30,000 Americans across the country are killed every year as a result of gun violence, destroying families and communities in municipalities of every size from our biggest cities to our smallest towns; and

**WHEREAS,** as elected officials we are duty-bound to do everything in our power to protect our residents, especially our children, from harm and there is no greater threat to public safety than the threat of illegal guns; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor's Summit on Illegal Guns, held in New York City on April 25, 2006, developed a Statement of Principles (attached hereto) aimed at reducing the threat of illegal guns, and participants in the Summit are encouraging mayors and their communities throughout the county to sign onto this Statement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby directs the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, to sign onto the Statement of Principles developed on April 25, 2006 by the Mayor's Summit on Illegal Guns, and further, to notify participants in the Summit of the Council's support for the Statement of Principles.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The City shall work with other public officials, citizens and communities to find innovative ways to advance the following principles:

- Punish – to the maximum extent of the law – criminals who possess, use, and traffic in illegal guns;
- Target and hold accountable irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by knowingly selling guns to straw purchasers;
- Oppose all federal efforts to restrict cities' right to access, use, and share trace data that is so essential to effective enforcement;
- Oppose all federal efforts to interfere with the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to combat illegal gun trafficking.
- Work to develop and use technologies that aid in the detection and tracing of illegal guns;
- Support all local, state, and federal legislation that targets illegal guns; coordinates legislative, enforcement, and litigation strategies; and shares information and best practices;
- Invite other cities to join us in this new national effort.