

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND FIREARMS REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany, shares the horror and dread felt as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities must bear witness to the school aged victims who are killed or injured in shootings each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the proliferation of guns and gun-related violence in the United States has continued for far too long; and

**WHEREAS**, the repeated occurrence of violent events in a variety of venues makes it clear that this is not merely a school security issue, but a community issue; and

**WHEREAS**, families and children in urban, rural, suburban, and every school location deserve the assurance and satisfaction of knowing that students are in a safe learning environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress should allow the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to conduct research on gun violence.


**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Albany calls for immediate changes in our country that will help ensure students are safe in their schools, classrooms, and communities, including:

- Supporting community improvement solutions such as wraparound services that provide sufficient access to those who need assistance, including schoolchildren;
- Providing additional support in communities and schools for mental health and substance abuse treatment and counseling;
- Enhancing and evaluating bullying-prevention programs, anti-gang initiatives, and positive behavior support programs;
- Banning assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines or clips;
- Requiring any individual purchasing a gun to pass a background check regardless of the location or nature of the sale;
- Enforcing the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Improvement Act of 2007, that expands persons included in the national background-check database to those with adjudicated mental health conditions, civil protection orders, arrest warrants, etc.;

- Removing barriers that prohibit law enforcement from tracking the purchase and use of guns, including those used in crimes;
- Requiring the national database on violence to include any incidents involving a gun or shooting;
- Allowing the CDC to conduct research on gun violence;
- Increasing the minimum age to purchase firearms to 21

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Albany declares March 24, 2018 as “March for Our Lives” Day in Albany, CA in support of students leading the fight to end gun violence in America.

Dated: March 19, 2018

  
Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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