



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Agenda Item

File ID: 2018-1930

Substitute

5/8/2018

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 6

### **SUBJECT:**

Commission District(s): All

Resolution Regarding Parkland School Shooting and Other Matters

Information Contact: Commissioner Gannon

Phone Number: 404 371 6353

### **PURPOSE:**

Adopt a resolution expressing sympathy to the victims, asking gun retailers in DeKalb to voluntarily stop selling bump stocks and large magazines and asking the General Assembly and Congress to require background checks for all gun purchases.

### **NEED/IMPACT:**

Since 1970 more Americans have died from gun violence (1.4 million) than in all the wars in American history (1.3 million)

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the ordinance and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents...

## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS AND FAMILIES OF THE PARKLAND, FLORIDA SHOOTING; ENDORSING COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL; ENCOURAGING RETAILERS TO LIMIT THE SALE OF CERTAIN GUNS AND ACCESSORIES TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners mourns the senseless and vast human suffering perpetrated by the Parkland shooter; and sympathizes with the victims, survivors and their families; and wishes to take reasonable steps to prevent similar suffering in the future; and

WHEREAS, the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida has once again brought to the forefront the need for meaningful legislation and action with respect to the regulation of guns throughout DeKalb County and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has passed state laws that pre-empt DeKalb County and other local governments from passing local ordinances that restrict gun and ammunition sales, which could protect our citizens;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledge that the United States Supreme Court has recognized that reasonable limitations can be applied to the Bill of Rights.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes that 78% of adult Americans do not own a gun and that American across every political party support thorough background checks for gun purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby encourages retailers in DeKalb County, the State of Georgia, and the Federal Government to limit or prohibit gun sales to individuals under the age of 21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby encourages retailers in DeKalb County and the State of Georgia to limit or prohibit the sale of "bump stocks" and high-capacity magazines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby encourages retailers in DeKalb County and the State of Georgia to limit or prohibit the sale of assault-style weapons that are designed for military use and whose lethal bullets have inflicted devastating large wounds to the survivors of the Parkland shooting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby supports the passage of reasonable legislation in Georgia and the United States to limit or prohibit gun sales to individuals with mental illness, for the creation of a universal database of individuals banned from buying or owning guns, and to require background checks for all gun sales, including gun shows.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and records of the Board of Commissioners and to forward a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Parkland, Florida, to the members of the DeKalb Delegation to the Georgia Senate, House of Representatives, and to Georgia's Congressional Delegation.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2018.

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**JEFF RADER**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2018.

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**MICHAEL THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD**  
Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and  
Board of Commissioners

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**VIVIANE ERNSTES**  
Interim County Attorney