

**KENNETT TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KENNETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
URGING STATE AND FEDERAL LAWMAKERS TO ENACT STRONGER
PROTECTIONS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, each year, an average of more than 114,994 people are shot and 33,880 people die from gun violence in murders, assaults, suicides and suicide attempts, and other shootings; and

WHEREAS, the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors 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 Kennett Township Board of Supervisors is charged with securing the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Kennett Township, yet is not recognized as having legal authority to enact certain gun safety laws, and

WHEREAS, the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors supports its police force in its ability to protect the safety of the citizens, and visitors to, the Township without threat from assault weapons or armed criminals, and

WHEREAS, similar resolutions have been considered and passed by multiple local governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors calls upon 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 buying guns.
2. Funding research into the effect of gun violence and gun safety technology.
3. Requiring trigger locks on guns in all homes where children are present.
4. Banning accesstoassault-styleweapons.
5. Reducing the number of permissible cartridges in a clip or magazine.
6. Restricting ownership of firearms by the mentally ill.

7. Ensuring that background checks are required on all sales, including online and at gun shows.

8. Preserving the provisions of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) which provides instant access to background records.

ADOPTED and **RESOLVED** this 4th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:



Lisa Moore, Manager/Secretary



Scudder G. Stevens, Chairman



Whitney S. Hoffman, Vice-Chair



Richard L. Leff, Member