

Resolution 2022-85

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Northbrook, County of Cook and State of Illinois, THAT:

A Resolution Seeking State and Federal Leadership Adopting Uniform Gun Safety Legislation

is hereby adopted, as follows:

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WHEREAS, we the duly elected board of the Village of Northbrook believe that these United States collectively need to do more to increase the safety of our constituents from gun products that have proliferated through our society. We recognize that the problem is multi-faceted but largely originates when one or several people seek to do harm to others and then avail themselves of easily obtained high-powered military and law enforcement weapons that are generally recognized as assault-style weapons. We require better gun safety rules and regulations to increase the safety of our communities and better enable our dedicated law enforcement personnel to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that firearms were the leading cause of death for children and teens in the U.S. in 2020, surpassing deaths by car crashes, drug overdoses and cancer, according to research published in The New England Journal of Medicine and that the state legislature has removed our municipal right to adopt any local regulation of Assault Weapons as part of the State's preemption provision that was included in the 2013 Amendment to the Concealed Carry Act, we plead with our State and Federal government to take immediate action to make America safer. We recognize that the Village is not an island and does not, and should not, have impermeable borders, and we appreciate the fact that we live within Cook County where the Blair Holt Assault Weapons Ban provides some limitations on those who possess certain semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns without authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence provides the framework for the United States of America - "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We believe that the Constitution's second amendment right to bear arms should not be interpreted in a way that trumps our constituents' rights to life as defined in the Declaration of Independence.

THEREFORE, on behalf of our community, we call upon the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor of the State of Illinois to: adopt legislation similar to the Blair Holt Assault Weapons Ban regarding non-sporting assault-type weapons to the state limits; to strengthen the red-flag provisions and

provide additional resources towards enforcing the FOID card system to provide every opportunity to keep firearms away from people that should not have them; and to extend funding for violence intervention and de-escalation training for Public Safety Officers; we specifically request that the adopted legislation provide carve outs for active and retired law enforcement, and

FURTHER, on behalf of our community, we call upon the federal government to reinstate the lapsed Federal assault weapons ban and, further, to consider and adopt:

- Adopt universal ownership background checks for firearms across state boundaries;
- Raise the age to purchase a gun to 21;
- Make a universal waiting period;
- Require training and licensure for gun ownership, and liability insurance for each gun;
- Adopt a national gun sale database;
- Until assault weapons are banned at the federal and state level, we recommend further looking at restricting carry of assault style weapons to specific geographic boundaries such as homes of licensed owners, firing ranges, and training facilities. Require that carry of these weapons between such locations be done in a secure storage and public safety officers may interrupt transport where they observe loaded, unlocked and unsecured weapons which may be used or hijacked for use in a malicious manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Village Board of Northbrook direct the Village Manager to deliver a copy of this resolution to our elected leadership at the State and Federal levels of government on behalf of the citizens of our community

Amended: 8/23/2022

RESULT:	ADPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johannah Hebl, Trustee
SECONDER:	Heather Ross, Trustee
AYES:	Ciesla, Israel, Collison, Ross, Hebl, Pepoon
ABSENT:	Joy Ebhomien

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathryn L Ciesla
Village President

/s/ Debra J. Ford
Village Clerk