

**Resolution urging the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress to proceed with urgency in enacting common sense and comprehensive legislation to reduce gun violence and create safer, healthier communities.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, gun violence destroys lives, devastates families and cripples communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 alone, over 1500 Ohioans were killed by gun violence, which is the 6th highest rate in the nation, and The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that on average, 96 Americans are killed each day by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, ensuring public safety is a central responsibility elected leaders have to the communities they serve, and as long as gun violence continues to plague those communities, it is incumbent upon those leaders to create policies and protections which balance one's right to own a firearm with another's inherent and inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners remains committed to community safety and security and continues to prioritize investments in addressing the deep-seeded challenges which can lead to violence including programs which focus on restorative justice, mental health care, addiction recovery, workforce development and early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, the honorable members of the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress have the ability and duty to create better protections for our children, residents, schools, community institutions, places of worship and neighborhoods; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That this Board of Commissioners does hereby urge members of the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress to enact common sense and comprehensive legislation to reduce gun violence and create safer, healthier communities.

The Board of Commissioners also hereby authorizes and directs the Clerk to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Franklin County's

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Legislative Delegation and the Leadership in both the Ohio House and Senate, as well as to the members of Franklin County's delegation to the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

SIGNATURE SHEET FOLLOWS