

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 71-2022**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, URGING MILWAUKIE VOTERS TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 114 TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS children and adults simply going about their daily lives are increasingly falling victim to gun violence, and

WHEREAS the federal government reports that during the 2020-2021 school year the nation experienced the highest number of school shootings in two decades, and

WHEREAS Oregon has a higher suicide rate than the national average,¹ and firearms are the leading means of committing suicide in the United States,² and

WHEREAS assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, which are not necessary for either hunting or for self-defense, are widely available, and the national system of background checks has many loopholes and does not require that a background check be completed prior to gun purchase, and

WHEREAS while driving a car, serving food, serving alcohol, and many other activities require a demonstration of proficiency to obtain a license, no training or license is currently required to purchase a firearm, and

WHEREAS studies have shown that requiring a license to purchase a firearm result in significant reduction in both homicide and suicide rates; a study from Connecticut showed a reduction of the homicide rate by 40% and of the suicide rate by 15%³, and

WHEREAS teachers, medical professionals, religious leaders, and law enforcement officials across Oregon support Measure 114 as a commonsense measure for reducing gun violence while protecting Second Amendment rights.⁴

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, urges all voters to vote Yes on Measure 114 to enhance the safety of our schools and our community.

¹ Source: Centers for Disease Control at [Suicide Rates by State | Suicide | CDC](#)

² Source: Centers for Disease Control at [Suicide Data and Statistics | Suicide | CDC](#)

³ Source: Johns Hopkins University Center for Gun Violence Prevention and Policy at [Licensing - Research - Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Prevention and Policy - Centers and Institutes - Research - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health \(jhsph.edu\)](#)

⁴ Source: Yes on 114 campaign at [NEWS | voteyeson114](#) and [ENDORSEMENTS | voteyeson114](#)

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **October 18, 2022**.

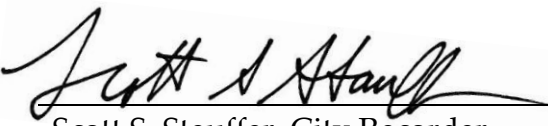
This resolution is effective immediately.



Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder



Justin D. Gericke, City Attorney