

1 [Supporting the Proposed 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution by California
Governor Newsom]

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3 **Resolution supporting California Governor Gavin Newsom’s proposed 28th**
4 **Amendment to the United States Constitution to enshrine fundamental, broadly**
5 **supported gun safety measures into law.**

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7 WHEREAS, On June 8, 2023, California Governor Gavin Newsom proposed a 28th
8 Amendment to the United States Constitution, which would enshrine fundamental, broadly
9 supported gun safety measures into federal law; and

10 WHEREAS, California serves as a leader nationally in enacting sensible requirements
11 for obtaining a firearm, such as more comprehensive background checks and stronger
12 prohibition on unserialized weapons, resulting in a 37% lower gun death rate per capita than
13 the national average; and

14 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national problem requiring a national solution and has
15 significantly increased in recent years, tragically becoming the number one cause of death
16 amongst American children; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States is on pace to reach a record number of mass killings in
18 2023, amounting to more mass shootings than days in the year according to the Gun Violence
19 Archive; and

20 WHEREAS, The majority of deaths associated with gun violence are not mass killings
21 but instead are suicides, and the access to a gun in the home increases the risk of death by
22 suicide by 300%; and

23 WHEREAS, Gun violence touches the lives of nearly all Americans and
24 disproportionately affects communities of color and women survivors of domestic violence as

1 these demographics face substantially higher rates of death and injury from firearm-related
2 incidents; and

3 WHEREAS, The proposed constitutional amendment would outlaw the civilian
4 purchase of assault weapons; raise the federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to
5 21; mandate universal background checks for firearm purchases; and institute a “reasonable
6 waiting period” for all firearm purchases; and

7 WHEREAS, The proposed constitutional amendment would affirm that Congress,
8 states, and local governments can enact additional gun safety regulations that save lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The U.S. Constitution provides that an amendment may be proposed by a
10 two-thirds majority vote in both chambers of Congress or by a constitutional convention called
11 for by two-thirds of the state legislatures; and

12 WHEREAS, California is the first state to call for a constitutional convention to address
13 the nation’s gun violence epidemic; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports the proposed
15 28th Amendment to enshrine gun safety measures into the United States’ Constitution and
16 affirm Congress, states, and local governments can enact additional gun safety regulations;
17 and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recommits to doing
19 everything in its power to advance sensible gun safety laws locally and nationally so that
20 further loss of life can be prevented whenever possible; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
22 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to President Joe Biden, California Governor Gavin
23 Newsom, California Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins; California Assembly Speaker
24 Anthony Rendon; the San Francisco Federal Legislative Delegation, and the San Francisco
25 State Legislative Delegation.