

1 [Declaring Support - Senator Dianne Feinstein’s Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013]

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3 **Resolution supporting Senator Dianne Feinstein’s Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of**  
4 **2013.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 1994, Congress enacted an assault weapons ban that prohibited the  
7 sale of certain semi-automatic weapons in order to reduce levels of violence in the United  
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2004, the assault weapons ban expired by operation of law and, to this  
10 date, has not been renewed by Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the 2004 expiration of the ban, assault weapons have been used in  
12 at least 459 incidents, resulting in 385 deaths and 455 injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, In recent years random, mass gun violence has made the names of  
14 communities such as Tucson, Arizona, Aurora, Colorado, Virginia Tech, and Newton,  
15 Connecticut synonymous with senseless loss of life and serve injuries; and

16 WHEREAS, Weapons of war do not belong on our streets, in our theaters, shopping  
17 malls and, most of all, our schools; and

18 WHEREAS, On January 22, 2013, Senator Dianne Feinstein plans to introduce an  
19 update of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, titled, the Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of  
20 2013; and

21 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 will ban the sale, transfer,  
22 importation, or manufacturing of: approximately 150 specifically named-firearms, certain other  
23 semiautomatic rifles, handguns, and shotguns that can accept a detachable magazine and  
24 have on military characteristic, semiautomatic rifled and handguns with a fixed magazine that  
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1 can accept more than ten rounds, and semiautomatic rifles that are shorter 30 inches in  
2 length; and

3 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 strengthens Congress' 1994  
4 Assault Weapons Ban and state bans by: moving from a 2-characteristic test to a 1-  
5 characteristic test, eliminating the easy-to-remove bayonet mounts and flash suppressors  
6 from the characteristics test, banning firearms with "thumbhole stocks" and "bullet buttons" to  
7 address attempts to "work around" prior bans; and

8 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 bans large capacity  
9 ammunition feeding devices capable of accepting more than 10 rounds, and;

10 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 protects legitimate hunters  
11 and the rights of existing gun owners by: grandfathering weapons legally possessed on the  
12 date of the legislation's enactment, exempting over 900 specifically-named weapons used for  
13 hunting or sporting purposes, and exempting antique, manually-operated, and permanently  
14 disabled weapons; and

15 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 requires that grandfathered  
16 weapons be registered under the National Firearms Act, to include: a background check of the  
17 gun owner and any transferee, the type and serial number of the firearm, positive  
18 identification, including photograph and fingerprint, certification from local law enforcement of  
19 identity and that possession would not violate State or local law, and dedicated funding for  
20 ATF to implement registration; and

21 WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Regulatory Act of 2013 finally, bans the transfer of  
22 grandfathered large-capacity ammunition feeding devices; establishes a voluntary buy-back  
23 program for grandfathered assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices;  
24 imposes a safe storage requirement for grandfathered firearms, and requires that assault  
25 weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices manufactured after the date of the

1 bill's enactment be engraved with the serial number and date of manufacture of the weapon;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Senator Dianne  
4 Feinstein for her leadership on gun control issues; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on our  
6 local Congressional leaders to support Senator Dianne Feinstein's Assault Weapons  
7 Regulatory Act of 2013; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That as a city, San Francisco supports common sense gun  
9 control reform to ensure that all of our city's residents can enjoy a greater sense of safety in  
10 our city.

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