

1 [Supporting the Renewal of the Assault Weapons Ban of 2023]

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3 **Resolution supporting the renewed Senate Bill Assault Weapons Ban of 2023 to cease**  
4 **the sale, transfer, manufacture, and import of military-style assault weapons and high-**  
5 **capacity magazines, and raise the minimum age to purchase any assault weapon from**  
6 **18 to 21 years old.**

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

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

13 WHEREAS, In the first three weeks of 2023 the United States has seen at least 38  
14 mass shootings including three in California; and

15 WHEREAS, The preferred chosen weapon for mass shooters is an assault-style  
16 weapon, such as the AR-15; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress was able to approve the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in  
18 2022, expanding background checks and providing funding for mental health and violence  
19 intervention programs, yet this deadly trend continues at a staggering rate; and

20 WHEREAS, Given the ongoing rampant travesties of mass shootings nationwide,  
21 robust regulation on assault weapons is urgently needed; and

22 WHEREAS, Senators Feinstein, Murphy, Blumenthal and others have reintroduced a  
23 federal Assault Weapons Ban that would codify deeper protections of our communities from  
24 weapons of war; and

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1           WHEREAS, The federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2023 will ban the sale, manufacture,  
2 transfer, and import of 205 military-style assault weapons by name; and

3           WHEREAS, Assault weapons with the capacity to utilize a magazine that is not a fixed  
4 ammunition magazine and has one or more military characteristics including a pistol grip, a  
5 forward grip, a barrel shroud, a threaded barrel or a folding or telescoping stock shall be  
6 banned; and

7           WHEREAS, Magazines and other ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10  
8 rounds of ammunition, allowing shooters to quickly fire many rounds without needing to reload  
9 shall be banned; and

10          WHEREAS, The Assault Weapons Ban will require a background check upon any  
11 future sale, trade or gifting of an assault weapon; and

12          WHEREAS, Grandfathered assault weapons shall be stored using a secure gun  
13 storage safety device like a trigger lock and the transfer of high-capacity ammunition  
14 magazines shall be prohibited; and

15          WHEREAS, Bump-fire stocks and other devices that allow semi-automatic weapons to  
16 fire at fully automatic rates shall be banned; and

17          WHEREAS, Under current federal law, an individual is required to be at least 21 years  
18 old to legally purchase a handgun but only 18 years of age to legally purchase an assault rifle  
19 such as an AR-15; and

20          WHEREAS, The legislation would create parity in federal firearms law by prohibiting  
21 the sale of assault weapons to individuals under 21; now, therefore, be it

22          RESOLVED, That the City renew the commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge  
23 to do all that it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun  
24 ownership to help keep the children safe; and, be it,  
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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends  
2 Senators Dianne Feinstein, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Murphy and others for their leadership  
3 on gun violence prevention issues; and, be it

4           FUTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on the local  
5 Congressional leaders to support this renewed federal Assault Weapons Ban; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution and  
7 to United States Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Kevin Mullin.

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