

RESOLUTION NO. 18-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA
REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO
COMMUNITYWIDE FIREARM SAFETY**

WHEREAS, Saratoga is a diverse city represented by a multitude of cultures, faiths, and beliefs, with a shared desire for a safe community that is free of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control data, there are more than 12,700 homicides every year as a result of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, 7 children and teenagers are killed by guns every day in the United States, including unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS, an average of 50 women are shot to death by their partners each month; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of firearm related deaths in the United States are suicides; and

WHEREAS, recent mass shootings have resulted in a call to action to enact policies and legislation that prevent the senseless loss of life as a result of guns; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life due to firearm violence or accidents is tragic and preventable; and

WHEREAS, each person is entitled to live a life free from fear of violence or assault in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the State of California received an A grade in the Giffords Law Center Annual Gun Law Scorecard due to the State's regulations regarding firearms; and

WHEREAS, through the right balance of policies and programs, firearm deaths can be reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby reaffirm its commitment to the safety of Saratoga's residents and expresses its desire to eliminate firearm deaths in the City of Saratoga. The City Council further encourages and supports sensible, collaborative strategies that seek to prevent firearm violence while maintaining the safety, security, and rights of individuals.

The above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Saratoga City Council held on the 21st day of March 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mary-Lynne Bernald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nora Pimentel, MMC
City Clerk

DATE: _____