

RESOLUTION No. 2004-103-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS REINSTATE THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN THAT EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2004; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Title XI of the Federal Violent Crime Control Act of 1994, banned the manufacture and import of a certain class of guns defined by Congress as "assault weapons", and

WHEREAS, assault weapons are identified and categorized by certain features, namely, cosmetic and ergonomic features that present a military-like appearance, and

WHEREAS, the 1994 ban covers nineteen (19) types of military assault weapons, including AK-47s and UZI rifles, as well as high capacity ammunition magazines holding more than ten (10) rounds, and

WHEREAS, recently a Miami-Dade police officer, Keenya Hubert, was shot near the City of Miami Gardens by a person wielding an assault weapon, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Miami Gardens believes that it is important that the assault weapons ban be reinstated to ensure that police officers are protected, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Miami Gardens deems it important and necessary that Congress reinstate the assault weapons ban that recently expired on September 13, 2004,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

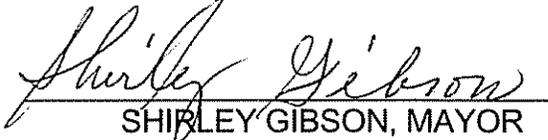
Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. REQUEST: The Mayor and City Council for the City of Miami Gardens hereby request and strongly urge that Congress reinstate the assault weapons ban that recently expired on September 13, 2004.

Section 3. DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to Senator Bob Graham, Senator Bill Nelson, and to Representative Kendrick B. Meek.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2004.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

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City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Councilwoman King
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Campbell	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Oscar Braynon, II	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Audrey J. King	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)