

RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2021

**EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and the Cincinnati City Council for the passage of S. Bill 1237, "Jaime's Law," currently pending in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session, and their ratification of the City Administration's efforts to effectuate its swift passage to address gun-related injuries and deaths, on behalf of the City of Cincinnati and its residents.

WHEREAS, under 18 U.S.C. § 922, it is unlawful to sell firearms or ammunition to persons prohibited from receiving a firearm, such as those who have been convicted of domestic violence, are a fugitive from justice, or have been committed to a mental institution; and

WHEREAS, following the passage of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993, the Federal Bureau of Investigation established the National Instant Criminal Background Check System ("NICS") which continues to operate as a nationwide system to check whether a person may lawfully purchase or own a firearm; and

WHEREAS, while there is a requirement for federally licensed firearms sellers to conduct an instant background check through the NICS for firearm sales, there is no parallel requirement for ammunition sales; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a local and national crisis: in 2020 alone, 43,558 people in the United States died due to gun-related causes according to the Gun Violence Archive; and

WHEREAS, Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Christopher Murphy (D-CT), along with Representatives Lucy McBath (D-GA), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Ted Deutch (D-FL), and Joe Neguse (D-CO) have reintroduced Jaime's Law in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, for the purpose of preventing mass shootings, suicide, intimate partner murder, and other forms of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Jaime's Law honors the memory of Jaime Taylor Guttenberg, a 14-year-old student and joyful dancer, who was killed in 2018 by an AR-15 firearm at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

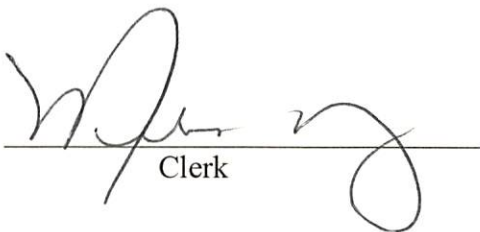
WHEREAS, upon passage of Jaime's Law, licensed importers, manufacturers, and dealers cannot transfer ammunition to a person before the completion of an instant background check via the FBI's NICS, preventing already prohibited persons from purchasing bullets; now, therefore,

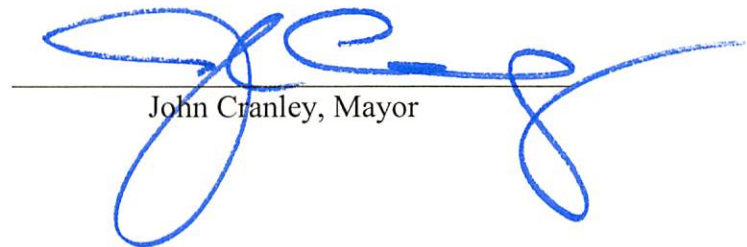
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council support and ratify the City Administration's efforts to effectuate the swift passage of Jaime's Law in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session in order to address gun-related injuries and deaths, on behalf of the City of Cincinnati and its residents.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Sherrod Brown, 503 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; Senator Robert Portman, 448 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; Representative Steve Chabot, 2408 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and Representative Brad Wenstrup, 2419 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, through the office of Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: August 4, 2021

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney