

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) OPPOSING THE REMOVALS OF SILENCERS (SUPPRESSORS) FROM THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT OF 1934.

WHEREAS, since 1934, silencers (suppressors) have been registered under the National Firearms Act. The National Firearms Act describes silencers (suppressors) as devices for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearms, including any combination of parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for the use in assembling or fabricating a firearm silencers or firearm muffler, any part intended for use in such assembly or fabrication; and

WHEREAS, to acquire a silencer(suppressors), the National Firearms Act requires an individual to pay a \$200 tax, pass a background check, register the silencer and submit fingerprints and a photograph to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

WHEREAS, the National Firearms Act has effectively regulated silencers (suppressors) for over 80 years and they are rarely trafficked or used in crimes. In rare incidents where criminals have used silencers (suppressors) to alter or diminish the sound of gunfire, the results have been deadly; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of silencers (suppressors) undermines the ability of gunshot detection technology, which is widely used in American cities, to alert law enforcement and first responders to shootings in the community; and

WHEREAS, silencers (suppressors) prevent police officers from quickly and effectively responding to active shooters, as silencers (suppressors) make it harder to recognize the sound of gunfire and mask muzzle flash, making it more difficult to locate and engage armed offenders; and

WHEREAS, firearms-related deaths were the number one cause of death for law enforcement in 2016 and law enforcement officers are particularly vulnerable to ambush-style killings, silencers (suppressors) are a particular threat to the security of our nation's law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, if silencers (suppressors) were deregulated from the National Firearms Act, individuals prohibited under federal law from owning silencers (suppressors) could easily acquire them without a background check and harm law enforcement and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police ("IACP") opposes any efforts to remove silencers (suppressors) from the purview of the National Firearms Act, recognizing how this action would undermine the security of law enforcement and the safety of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of the Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City supports the Resolution of the IACP opposing any efforts to remove silencers (suppressors) from the purview of the National Firearms Act, recognizing how this action would undermine the security of law enforcement and the safety of the public.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS __DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2018.

(Moved:)
(Yeas:
(Majority: Vote:)

APPROVED:

RAÚLVALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY