

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-102**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) OPPOSING TO THE SALE OF ARMOR-PIERCING AND TRACER AMMUNITION.

**WHEREAS**, there is no sporting or other purpose for armor-piercing ammunition or tracer ammunition, other than overwhelming the protections available to law enforcement in the course of their work; and

**WHEREAS**, such ammunition simply should not be available for civilian use; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation currently under consideration in the United States Congress (H.R. 3668 – The Sportsman Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act) would reduce the ability of government agencies to prevent or prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, current federal law does not define “armor-piercing” in the practical terms of a handgun round’s actual performance—i.e., whether it is capable of piercing ballistic armor—but in terms of round content and weight; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 3668 further weakens that standard by stating that to be classified as armor piercing, ammunition must have been specifically designed by the manufacturer for that purpose, regardless of whether or not it actually can penetrate body armor; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“IACP”) opposes H.R. 3668 and supports legislation and policies that will prohibit the sale or transfer of armor piercing ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, the IACP believes that current federal law should be modified to establish that the process utilized to determine whether a round of ammunition is armor piercing should include performance based testing conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

**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 H.R. 3668 and supporting legislation and policies that will prohibit the sale or transfer of armor piercing ammunition; and that the City believes that current federal law should be modified to establish that the process utilized to determine whether a round of ammunition is armor piercing should include performance based testing conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to neighboring municipalities, Miami-Dade County, State Representatives and Senators representing the City in the State legislature and U.S. Representatives and Senators representing the City in the U.S. Congress.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2018.  
(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Mena)  
(Unanimous Voice Vote)  
(Agenda Item: H-8)

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR

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WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
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