

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. SENATE BILL 446 AND
SUPPORTING GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE NJ LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted various laws to minimize the incidence of gun violence;

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has certain gun laws that require background checks for certain gun sales, precludes individuals convicted of domestic violence crimes from owning or possessing guns, requires a permit for concealed carry and requires proof of safety training prior to becoming eligible for a concealed carry permit;

WHEREAS, the school shooting at the Parkland School in Broward County, Florida, has raised concerns in our community amongst students and teachers about their safety;

WHEREAS, the Township Council of West Windsor express their sincerest condolences for the loss of life and injuries sustained as a result of the shooting in Broward County, Florida on February 14, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Township Council of West Windsor express their deepest support and appreciation of the bravery of the first responders who protect our communities from gun violence at great risk to their own lives;

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee is presently considering S. 446 known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 which would require all states to grant concealed carry reciprocity regardless of each state's individual laws;

WHEREAS, there are states in the Union that do not require permits or safety training for the concealed carry of guns as is required in New Jersey;

WHEREAS, S. 446, requiring Concealed Carry Reciprocity, would allow residents of other states to engage in the concealed carry of their guns in the State of New Jersey regardless of whether they were required to undergo safety training or obtain a permit; and

WHEREAS, we believe that S. 446 would override current New Jersey law and would pose a serious impediment to the enforcement of New Jersey law in our Township and in our State;

WHEREAS, the Township Council of West Windsor are committed to reassuring our residents that we are sympathetic to their worries and concerns and to supporting the enforcement of New Jersey law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of West Windsor encourage our U.S. representatives to oppose S. 446;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of West Windsor are opposed to S. 446 in that it overrides New Jersey State law by requiring concealed carry reciprocity in New Jersey;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of West Windsor are committed to preventing gun related violence in our Township and in the State of New Jersey;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of West Windsor further support additional legislation in New Jersey to provide us with the following protections:

- To protect our residents from assault style weapons by reinstating a ban on assault style weapons;
- To prevent gun possession and ownership by individuals with documented mental health concerns;
- To prohibit the possession of armor piercing ammunition; and
- To limit the maximum capacity of an ammunition magazine to 10 rounds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this legislation have been forwarded to the Office of President Donald Trump, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Robert Menendez, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, State Senator Shirley Turner, Asm. Reed Gusciora and Asw. Verlina Reynolds Jackson.