

Your Committee, to which this proposal was referred, has amended the proposal to read as follows and recommends its adoption as amended.

CITY COUNTY COUNCIL

PROPOSAL NO. 275, 2018

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

INTRODUCED: 07/16/2018

REFERRED TO: Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SPONSOR: Councillors Jackson and Adamson

DIGEST: recognizes gun violence **and violent crime** as a public health **crisis danger** in Indianapolis

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Jackson

Drafted by: Fred Biesecker, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: July 12, 2018

CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. , 2018

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL RESOLUTION recognizing gun violence **and violent crime** as a public health **crisis danger** in Indianapolis.

WHEREAS, gun violence is a pervasive and devastating public health danger in the United States. According to the Brady Campaign to end Gun Violence approximately 115,000 people are shot every year, resulting in 34,000 deaths, including 11,500 homicides and 21,000 suicides. Gun violence results in around 90 deaths every single day in the United States ; and

WHEREAS, the Brady Campaign has determined that every day seven (7) children and teens die from gun violence and another 46 are injured. Annually, 2,600 children and teens die and 13,000 are injured; and

WHEREAS, data provided by IMPD shows that in Indianapolis there have been more than 658 deaths as a result of a firearm since January 1, 2013 where the average age of the victim was 32 years old. Additionally, eighty-seven percent (87%) of homicide victims over the past year were killed with a firearm, resulting in more than 157 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Giffords Law Center to prevent Gun Violence estimates that gun violence costs Indianapolis over twenty-one million dollars (\$21,000,000) yearly for direct emergency and medical care. Approximately 65% of these costs were borne by taxpayers. When other services such as public safety and criminal justice are factored in that cost is estimated to be well over one hundred and three million dollars (\$103,000,000).

WHEREAS, the American College of Physicians has classified firearm violence as a public health epidemic since 1995; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2016, 141 health care, public health, and science and research organizations including the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the National Association of Medical Examiners, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American Psychological Association, the American Pediatric Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Association

of Nurse Practitioners, signed on to a letter calling for an end to a Congressional rider restricting gun violence research by the CDC, and stating that “gun violence is a serious public health epidemic resulting in the senseless deaths of an average of 91 Americans, and another 108 gun injuries, each and every day;” and

WHEREAS, in June of 2016, in the wake of the shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, the American Medical Association joined numerous other major public health organizations by adopting policy calling gun violence “a public health crisis;” and

WHEREAS, we on this Council recognize the pervasive and devastating public health danger posed by gun violence **and violent crime**; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council hereby declares gun violence **and violent crime** as a public health **crisis danger**.

SECTION 2. The City-County Council states its intent to give priority of funding when setting budgets and appropriating funds to initiatives and programs that are designed and demonstrate genuine probabilities of success in decreasing gun violence **and violent crime** in Marion County.

SECTION 3. The Council hereby directs the Office of Public Health and Safety to work with the Marion County Public Health Department and any other related department or agency to establish and operate programs and seek funding as appropriate to alleviate the public health **crisis danger**.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2018, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

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Clerk, City-County Council