

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
RESOLUTION # 2023-xx-xx

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH IN SUPPORT OF BILLS
H-5300 AND S-379 RELATING TO ASSAULT WEAPONS

WHEREAS: We have entered the new year beginning a little more than six weeks ago, and there have been 67 mass shootings across the United States. Our country, considered one of the most advanced industrial nations in the world, appears to be the only one experiencing this phenomenon; and

WHEREAS: The lack of gun safety regulations at both the federal and state level have failed to protect the constituents they represent. Citizens must demand a common-sense approach be implemented to protect all citizens, especially our children. It is the duty of legislators on every level to serve and protect, however, some choose to rely on the political contributions from gun advocates to maintain status-quo; and

WHEREAS: It is time for all citizens to unite and support the efforts of our legislators promoting common sense regulations through H-5300 and S-379 which will ban the sale, manufacturing and transferring of assault weapons.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of Portsmouth expresses its support of the introduction of state legislation which will mitigate access to assault weapons and potentially save innocent lives. We will join the independent initiative of other states which have passed similar legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk submit a copy of this Resolution to the Town of Portsmouth's State Senator and Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and every Rhode Island municipality.

Adopted this 13th day of March 2023.

Kevin M. Aguiar, President
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk