



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Monday, September 23, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 130-19

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
Seconded by Councilor

Resolution in Support of Federal Extreme Risk Law

WHEREAS, firearm suicide is a significant public health crisis in the US. Every year, over 22,000 Americans die by firearm suicide, including over 1,000 children and teens. Nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths in the US are suicides, an average of 61 deaths a day; and

WHEREAS, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, an analysis of mass shootings from 2009 to 2017 revealed that in 51 percent of incidents the shooter exhibited warning signs that they posed a risk to themselves or others before the shooting; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secret Service and the United States Department of Education studied targeted school violence incidents and found behavioral warning signs that caused others to be concerned in 93 percent of cases; and

WHEREAS, when a person is in crisis and considering harming themselves or others, family members and law enforcement are often the first people to see the warning signs; and

WHEREAS, Extreme Risk laws, also commonly known as Red Flag laws, allow family members and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily remove guns from a person in crisis, empowering families, and law enforcement to help keep guns out of the hands of those at risk of injuring themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, Extreme Risk laws are designed to defuse dangerous situations while also providing due process and a system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, 17 states and the District of Columbia have enacted Extreme Risk laws; and

WHEREAS, Extreme Risk legislation is being considered in Congress both to enable federal courts to issue Extreme Risk orders and also help fund state systems to implement their own laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge records its strong support for Extreme Risk laws and urges the federal government to enact such laws