

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY**  
**County of Camden, State of New Jersey**  
**#R 211 -2019**

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL EXTREME RISK LAW**

**WHEREAS**, firearm suicide is a significant public health crisis in the United States and every year, over 22,000 Americans die by firearm suicide, including over 1,000 children and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths in the United States 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

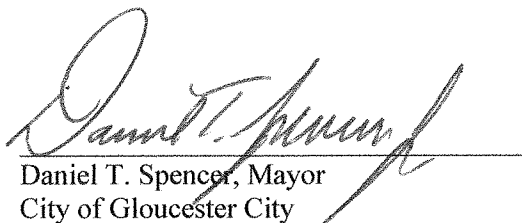
**WHEREAS**, “Extreme Risk Laws” are designed to defuse dangerous situations while also providing due process and a system of checks and balances; and

**WHEREAS**, seventeen (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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester records its strong support for “Extreme Risk Laws” and urges the Federal Government to enact such laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the United States Senators representing the State of New Jersey as well as the entire Congressional Delegation of the State of New Jersey.



Daniel T. Spencer, Mayor  
City of Gloucester City

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this September 26, 2019.



Vanessa L. Parent, Registered City Clerk