

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-65

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO JOINING THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTING SCHOOL SAFETY AND REDUCING VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, school violence has become an epidemic in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the children and school employees of our nation deserve to attend school without fear of death or injury, and their families deserve to send them to school without the same fear; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a mutual responsibility of all citizens to address this problem and the responsibility for preventing violent incidents cannot be relegated to school districts alone; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple studies have shown that the majority of Americans support action to eliminate violence in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, school board members, administrators, employees and community members should work together with lawmakers, legal counsel, law enforcement and security experts to determine how best to ensure student safety in their district;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the Kent City Council joins Kent City Board of Education and implores the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the United States Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly to prioritize the protection of students and school employees by enacting legislation with funding for the following:

- a) Enhanced mental health services and substance abuse treatment so that all individuals, including children, have sufficient access to these services.
- b) Increased access to school safety measures, including, but not limited to, School Resource Officers (SROs), school safety infrastructure, and other security measures designed to protect students and staff from an active shooter on school grounds.
- c) Training for school employees and enhanced coordination with law enforcement agencies and first responders to ensure appropriate responses to incidents of violence in schools.
- d) Preserving the balance between the right to own firearms and the protection of students and school employees from any act of violence.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: May 16, 2018  
Date

EFFECTIVE: May 16, 2018  
Date

ATTEST: Tara Grimm  
Tara Grimm, CMC  
Clerk of Council

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

I, TARA GRIMM, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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TARA GRIMM, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL