
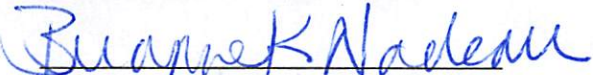




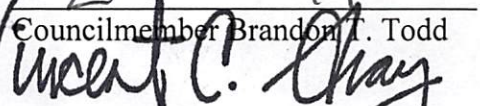
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19 A RESOLUTION

20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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23 To declare the Sense of the Council in support of calling on the Virginia and Maryland
24 Legislatures to ban assault rifles in order to prevent such weapons from being
25 brought into the District of Columbia.

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27 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
28 this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Virginia and Maryland Assault
29 Rifle Prohibition Resolution of 2018".

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31 Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

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33 (1) In 2012, after 20 first graders and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary lost
34 their lives, President Obama said, "This is our first task—caring for our children. It's our
35 first job. If we don't get that right, we don't get anything right. That's how, as a society,
36 we will be judged";

37 (2) Since the Sandy Hook massacre, over 400 people have been shot in over 200
38 school shootings;

39 (3) On February 14, 2018, 17 students and employees tragically lost their lives in
40 the Parkland High school massacre, which was 2018's eighth school shooting;

41 (4) The AR-15 assault rifle or similar assault rifles were used in Sandy Hook,
42 Parkland, and other mass shootings;

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43 (5) These assault rifles are civilian versions of automatic military assault rifles,
44 and can easily be adapted to function as automatic weapons;

45 (6) Currently, only 7 states and the District ban assault rifles;

46 (7) There existed a federal ban on assault rifles from 1994-2004, but it is now up
47 to states provide safeguards until federal action is taken to ban assault rifles;

48 (8) Virginia has not banned assault rifles and currently allows anyone 18 years or
49 older that passes a 3-page background check to purchase an assault rifle; and

50 (9) Maryland has banned assault rifles, but grandfathered in those who owned
51 such rifles before the ban and left a loophole for the H-BAR 15, which is a "heavy
52 barreled" AR-15 used for target practice, and the only difference between it and the AR-
53 15 is a weight of one pound.

54 Sec. 3. It is the Sense of the Council that the Virginia and Maryland legislatures
55 should act to ban assault rifles to help prevent such weapons from being transported into
56 the District.

57 Sec. 4. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to
58 the Presidents of the Virginia and Maryland Senates and Speakers of the Virginia and
59 Maryland Houses of Delegates.

60 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of
61 publication in the District of Columbia Register.