

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR THE U.S. SENATE AND PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TO APPROVE A U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS OF PRIVATE FIREARMS SALES, INCLUDING AT GUN SHOWS AND OVER THE INTERNET

WHEREAS, the use firearms takes the lives of 36,000 people each year in the United States, an average of nearly 100 victims of gun violence per day, and

WHEREAS, shootings account for another 100,000 injures each year, many of them devastating and life-changing, and

WHEREAS, the carnage of firearms use in this country is growing – up 16 percent from 2014 to 2017, when a record 39,773 persons perished from gunshots, and

WHEREAS, mass shootings in the United States, in which at least four persons are killed in a single incident, also are increasing – reaching an average of 19 per year in recent years and taking the lives of 1,276 in the last decade, and

WHEREAS, Pima County suffers from the wave of firearms carnage and was the site of a mass shooting on January 8, 2011, that killed six, including a 9-year-old girl and U.S. District Court Chief Judge John Roll, and injured 13 others, including then-Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who sustained a severe brain injury, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives in February, on a vote of 240 in favor to 190 opposed, passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, extending required background checks of firearms purchasers to private firearms sales – often at gun shows or over the internet, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate has not considered the House bill or a similar measure of its own in the 10 months since House passage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby calls for the U.S. Senate to vote on and approve the House bill or a similar measure, and for President Donald Trump to sign such legislation into law.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this 17th day of Deccember, 2019.

Richard Elías, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney