

RESOLUTION 2013.2

NOTES

NOTE 1. MASS SHOOTINGS:

Portland, OR (Clackamas Town Mall); Minneapolis, MN; Oak Creek, WI; Aurora, CO; Seattle, WA; Oakland, CA; Norcross, GA; Seal Beach, CA; Tuscon, AZ; Manchester, CT; Parkland, WA; Fort Hood, TX; Binghamton, NY; Geneva County, AL; Carthage, NC; Henderson, KY; DeKalb, IL; Kirkwood, MO; Omaha, NE; Crandon, WI; Virginia Tech campus.

– Source: Huffington Post.

NOTE 2. PRESIDENT OBAMA'S "COMMON SENSE MEASURES" TO CONTROL GUN VIOLENCE:

1. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal background check system.
2. Address unnecessary legal barriers, particularly relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, which may prevent states from making information available to the background check system.
3. Improve incentives for states to share information with the background check system.
4. Direct the Attorney General to review categories of individuals prohibited from having a gun to make sure dangerous people are not slipping through the cracks.
5. Propose rulemaking to give law enforcement the ability to run a full background check on an individual before returning a seized gun.
6. Publish a letter from ATF to federally licensed gun dealers providing guidance on how to run background checks for private sellers.
7. Launch a national safe and responsible gun ownership campaign.
8. Review safety standards for gun locks and gun safes (Consumer Product Safety Commission).
9. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.
10. Release a DOJ report analyzing information on lost and stolen guns and make it widely available to law enforcement.
11. Nominate an ATF director.
12. Provide law enforcement, first responders, and school officials with proper training for active shooter situations.
13. Maximize enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence and prosecute gun crime.

14. Issue a Presidential Memorandum directing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes and prevention of gun violence.
15. Direct the Attorney General to issue a report on the availability and most effective use of new gun safety technologies and challenge the private sector to develop innovative technologies.
16. Clarify that the Affordable Care Act does not prohibit doctors asking their patients about guns in their homes.
17. Release a letter to health-care providers clarifying that no federal law prohibits them from actions reporting threats of violence to law-enforcement authorities.
18. Provide incentives for schools to hire school resource officers.
19. Develop model emergency-response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.
20. Release a letter to state health officials clarifying the scope of mental-health services that Medicaid plans must cover.
21. Finalize regulations clarifying essential health benefits and parity requirements within ACA exchanges.
22. Commit to finalizing mental-health-parity regulations.
23. Launch a national dialogue led by Secretaries Sebelius and Duncan on mental health.

– Source: White House via The Washington Post, 1/16/13.

NOTE 3. PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS:

1. Requiring criminal background checks for all gun sales, including those by private sellers that currently are exempt.
2. Reinstating and strengthening the ban on assault weapons that was in place from 1994 to 2004.
3. Limiting ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.
4. Banning the possession of armor-piercing bullets by anyone other than members of the military and law enforcement.
5. Increasing criminal penalties for "straw purchasers," people who pass the required background check to buy a gun on behalf of someone else.
6. Acting on a \$4 billion administration proposal to help keep 15,000 police officers on the street.
7. Confirming President Obama's nominee for director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
8. Eliminating a restriction that requires the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to allow the importation of weapons that are more than 50 years old.

9. Financing programs to train more police officers, first responders and school officials on how to respond to active armed attacks.
10. Provide additional \$20 million to help expand the a system that tracks violent deaths across the nation from 18 states to 50 states.
11. Providing \$30 million in grants to states to help schools develop emergency response plans.
12. Providing financing to expand mental health programs for young people.

– Source: New York Times, 1/16/13
