RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, current federal background check requirements do not require individuals seeking to purchase a firearm at a gun show to submit to a federal background check; and

WHEREAS, there are deficits in the current background check system, with some information not included which should be part of any background check for the purchase of a firearm; and

WHEREAS, individuals convicted of a serious crime and individuals suffering from mental illness that are a threat to themselves and others should not have access to firearms; and

WHEREAS, HR 1217 (King), was introduced to enhance the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS); and

WHEREAS, HR 1217 has bipartisan support, and would require that individuals seeking to purchase a firearm at a gun show submit to a criminal background check; and

WHEREAS, HR 1217 would also require that more information is added to the NICS, including information on dangerous mental illness and criminal history; and

WHEREAS, HR 1217 would provide for a responsible and consistent background check process, and ensure that individuals who should not have access to firearms are unable to purchase them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 1217 (King), which would ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from purchasing a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and enhance and expand the current background check process.

PRESENTED BY

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