

# Board of Commissioners

## 2014

RESOLUTION NO.	R14-027
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Official Resolution of the Board of Commissioners  
Macomb County, Michigan

***A Resolution Urging the Michigan Legislature to Declare June "Gun Violence Awareness Month"***

*Commissioner Toni Mocerì, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:*

*WHEREAS, gun violence is a national and local problem affecting many Americans and Michigan residents on a daily basis; and*

*WHEREAS, numerous tragedies have occurred over the past few years demonstrating that gun violence is a serious problem; and*

*WHEREAS, often national attention is drawn only to large scale tragedies, yet there are gun violence injuries occurring on a daily basis throughout many American municipalities; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence (PPGV), in the United States more than 30,000 men, women and children are killed per year by firearms, and another 70,000 are injured with nonfatal gunshot wounds; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the Law Center To Prevent Gun Violence, Michigan ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> among other states in number of gun deaths per capita; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Fatal Injury Data," Michigan's overall firearm deaths from 2001 to 2010 was 10,825 (10.83 per 100,000 residents), and Michigan's firearm suicides in 2010 was 601 (6.08 per 100,000 residents), and Michigan's firearm deaths among children, ages 0-17 from 2001 to 2010 was 555 (2.23 per 100,000 residents), and Michigan's law-enforcement agents feloniously killed with a firearm from 2002 to 2011 was 15 (0.15 per 100,000 residents); and*

*WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Fatal Injury Data," Michigan's aggravated assaults with a firearm in 2011 was 7,679 (86.41 per 100,000 residents), which was the seventh highest in the country; and*

*WHEREAS, guns are the most common weapon used in domestic violence against women and access to firearms increases the risk of homicide by more than 5 times; and*

*WHEREAS, Michigan has taken an active role in curbing gun violence by having one of the strongest gun laws in the country (ranked number 10) according to the Center for American Progress but more needs to be done to reduce gun violence in Michigan; and*

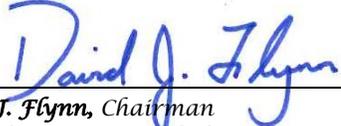
*WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels; and*

*WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature and various cities in New York State also passed resolutions to declare June "Gun Violence Awareness Month"; and*

WHEREAS, the goals of Gun Violence Awareness Month should include promotion of greater awareness about gun violence and gun safety; bringing annual heightened attention to gun violence during the summer months when gun violence typically increases; and bringing citizens and community leaders together in the months leading up to June to develop ways to reduce gun violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan State Legislature to declare June "Gun Violence Awareness Month."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Rick Snyder, Lt. Governor Brian Calley, Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, Michigan House Minority Leader Tim Greimel; and soft copies of this resolution be provided to all Macomb County State Legislators, all Macomb County Elected Officials, Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje, Dr. Jerry Walden of Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence (PPGV), Dr. Andy Zweifler of Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence (PPGV), YEO Network Policy Director Dawn Hucklebridge, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Coordinator Deena Bosworth, and National Association of Counties (NaCO) Director of County Solutions and Innovation Dan Gillison.

  
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