

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP
Chester County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION 2018 -09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF TREDYFFRIN
TOWNSHIP AND COMMONSENSE GUN SAFETY LAWS**

WHEREAS, the first responsibility of the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors is the public safety of the citizens of Tredyffrin Township; and

WHEREAS, over the years, we have mourned the loss of victims of gun violence in our nation, in schools and places of worship, at concerts and nightclubs, in workplaces, in the streets, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the Second Amendment and its attendant rights, such as the right to lawful, individual gun ownership, the right to use those guns for hunting and other sport shooting purposes, and the right to self-defense; and

WHEREAS, the Township has facilitated communication with, and between, the leaderships of the Tredyffrin Police Department and the Tredyffrin Easttown School District to review and improve current plans for school building safety and active threat training; and

WHEREAS, the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors (1) recognizes the Tredyffrin Police Department and all of the Township's first responders for their commitment to the safety of all of the people of the Township, and notes especially the Police Department's offer of free gun locks to residents, and (2) recognizes the Police Department, the Tredyffrin Easttown School District, and our fire companies and EMS personnel, all working together, for their dedication to the safety of our schools, students, teachers, administrators, and staffs; and

WHEREAS, the issue of public safety is not a Republican or Democratic issue, and members of both parties in Congress and the Pennsylvania General Assembly have either introduced or proposed legislation to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township has no legal authority to enact gun safety laws; and

WHEREAS, the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors believes that additional commonsense gun safety laws would help further protect the public safety and health of the Township's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors, in furtherance of the public safety and health of the citizens of Tredyffrin Township, urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the United States Congress to enact commonsense gun safety laws to reduce gun violence, laws such as: requiring universal background checks;

banning assault weapons, bump stocks, and high capacity magazines; providing funding for school building safety to improve existing school safety measures, providing increased funding for school provided student emotional support; those addressing ownership of firearms by the mentally ill; and, providing funding for research into gun violence and gun safety.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution shall be distributed to Senators Casey and Toomey, Congressman Costello, State Representative Kampf, and State Senator Dinniman.

ENACTED this 19th day of March 2018

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP**

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Township Manager