

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION R2014-598**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,
WASHINGTON SUPPORTING INITIATIVE 594,
CONCERNING REQUIRING CRIMINAL AND PUBLIC
SAFETY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREARM
SALES AND TRANSFERS BY UNLICENSED SELLERS**

WHEREAS, State of Washington Initiative 594 (I-594) has been certified for the November 4, 2014 ballot; and

WHEREAS, I-594 is written to close the loopholes in the existing State criminal background check system that now allow convicted felons, domestic abusers, and the seriously mentally ill to purchase firearms from unlicensed sellers, without background checks; and

WHEREAS, current State law does not require unlicensed sellers of firearms to conduct a background check, allowing criminals and dangerous individuals to still obtain firearms online and at gun shows in the State; and

WHEREAS, criminal background checks reduce access to guns for convicted felons, domestic abusers and people with serious mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the gun background check system has blocked 2.2 million gun sales to prohibited people; and

WHEREAS, in states that require background checks on all gun sales, 38% fewer women are shot to death by their partners and 39% fewer police officers are shot to death with handguns; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Sammamish endorses policies that keep guns out of dangerous hands while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners, and strongly believes the State should take action to close the loophole in State law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided all necessary public notice and has provided an equal opportunity for opponents and proponents of this measure to be heard;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,
WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council of the City of Sammamish hereby declares its support of the passage of Initiative 594 and encourages the citizens of Sammamish to vote "Yes" on I-594 at the November 4, 2014 State General Election.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE
7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.**

CITY OF SAMMAMISH



Mayor Thomas E. Vance

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

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