

23 **WHEREAS**, in Buffalo, an 18 year-old used an AR-15 style weapon to
24 murder 10 people and to injure 3 others as they shopped for groceries on May 14,
25 2022; and

26 **WHEREAS**, experts have opined that young people under the age of 21
27 physiologically respond to stressors with greater violence and exhibit less self-
28 control than older adults; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the legal age to purchase alcohol in Texas is 21; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the legal age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products for
31 non-military members in Texas is 21; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the legal age to purchase a handgun from a business or
33 individual with a Federal Firearms License is 21; and

34 **WHEREAS**, an AR-15 style weapon and similar semi-automatic rifles are
35 self-evidently more dangerous than alcohol, tobacco, or handguns if handled
36 improperly; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

37 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

38 The Council directs the City Manager to explore every option that would
39 allow the City to prohibit the sale of AR-15 style weapons and other semi-
40 automatic rifles to anyone below the age of 21.

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

43 If the City Manager finds a viable option, the Council directs the City
44 Manager to present it to Council for review no later than July 26th, 2022.

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46 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

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Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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