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The Honorable Mike White  
Council Chair  
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Dear Chair White:

**SUBJECT: URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO  
SUPPORT THE GUN CONTROL POLICIES  
PROMOTED BY MARCH FOR OUR LIVES (PAF 18-144)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE GUN CONTROL POLICIES PROMOTED BY MARCH FOR OUR LIVES," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura".

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA  
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-203

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE GUN CONTROL POLICIES PROMOTED BY MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

WHEREAS, the safety of United States citizens should be a top priority for our Federal government; and

WHEREAS, everyone, especially children, should never have to fear gun violence in their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a mass shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in which 17 people were killed, making it one of the world's deadliest school massacres; and

WHEREAS, after the shooting, students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School formed Never Again MSD and organized March for Our Lives in collaboration with the nonprofit organization Everytown for Gun Safety to take a stand against gun violence in our country; and

WHEREAS, March for Our Lives is inspired and led by students of all ethnicities, religions, and sexualities across the country who want to take action to stop the epidemic of mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, the mission of March for Our Lives is to assure that no special interest group or political agenda is more critical than timely passage of legislation to effectively address the gun violence issues in our country; and

WHEREAS, March for Our Lives held a demonstration on March 24, 2018, in Washington, D.C., with over 800 sibling events throughout the United States and around the world, including Maui; and

WHEREAS, turnout was estimated to be between 1.2 and 2 million people across the United States, making it one of the largest protests in American history; and

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WHEREAS, at 3 p.m. on March 24, 2018, an estimated 1,000 people gathered at the University of Hawai'i Maui College Great Lawn and participated in the March for Our Lives Maui demonstration on West Kaahumanu Avenue to show solidarity with the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and all communities that have been impacted by mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, March for Our Lives participants continue to urge requiring comprehensive background checks for anyone wanting to purchase a firearm; creating a digitized, searchable database with the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for law enforcement officers to efficiently track the sale histories of firearms; funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research the drivers behind gun violence in our nation and policies that could mitigate them; and banning assault weapons and high-capacity firearm magazines; and

WHEREAS, federal statutes generally regulate the manufacture, sale, possession, record-keeping, transportation, and destruction of firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories; and

WHEREAS, while local governments in Hawaii have the authority to restrict certain firearms and ammunition, and local licensing authorities have discretion in issuing licenses to carry a firearm, major changes to address gun violence issues must be handled by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Maui recognizes the efforts and advocacy of the youth who led the March for Our Lives demonstration on Maui and shares their desire for change in our nation to eliminate gun violence; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby urges the United States Congress to support the gun control policies promoted by March for Our Lives; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Donald Trump, President, United States of America; Mike Pence, Vice President, United States of America; the members of the United States Senate; Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House, and the members of the United States House of Representatives; Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President, and the members of the Hawaii State Senate; Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House, and the members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives; The Danny Kaye and Sylvia Fine Kaye Foundation, Sponsor, March for Our Lives Maui; Peter Hagedorn and Miriam Trahan, Sponsors, March for Our Lives Maui; and Shep Gordon, Katie McMillin, Nancy Meola, and Brendan Smith, Producers, March for Our Lives Maui.

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