

Democratic Town Committee of Jamestown, Rhode Island
Resolution in support of Assault Weapon and
High Capacity Magazine Ban

WHEREAS:

Laws banning assault weapons are consistent with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment to the United State Constitution, in that the 2008 ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the Supreme Court stated for the first time that the Second Amendment protects a law abiding citizen's right to possess an operable handgun in the home for self-defense, but the Court noted that the right is limited, including the limitation that the Second Amendment would not preclude banning "dangerous and unusual weapons".

WHEREAS:

Seven states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws banning assault weapons, namely, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York.

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Assault weapons and/or high capacity ammunition magazines have been used in recent mass shootings of innocent civilians, including:

- El Paso, Texas, August 3, 2019, where a shooter killed 22 people in 30 seconds using a WASR-10, a civilian version of an AK-47;
- Dayton, Ohio, August 4, 2019, where a shooter killed 9 people and wounded 7 using an AM-15 semi-automatic with a 100-round drum magazine;
- Parkland, Florida, February 14, 2018, where a shooter killed 17 people and wounded 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School using an AR-15 style assault rifle;
- Orlando, Florida, June 12, 2016, where a shooter killed 49 people and wounded 58 at the Pulse Nightclub with an AR-15 style assault rifle; and
- Newtown, Connecticut, December 14, 2012, where a shooter killed 26 people and wounded 2 at Sandy Hook Elementary School with a Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle with 10 magazines with 30 rounds each.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Jamestown Democratic Town Committee of Jamestown, Rhode Island, has voted to call upon all elected officials at the local, state, and national levels to support an out-right ban on the further sale and use of assault style weapons and high capacity magazines.

WHERE TO:

The following bear witness:

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Jamestown Democratic Town Committee co-chairs

Date: September 9, 2019