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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES NEW COMMON-SENSE GUN REGULATION

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the passage of several common-sense gun regulations during City Council. The Council passed a resolution calling on the state legislature to override Governor Rauner's veto of the Gun Dealer Licensing Bill and to pass the Paul Bauer Act. The Council also passed two citywide ordinances to ban the sale or possession of body armor and bump stocks.

"By now, it should be obvious that banning bump stock, body armor and big HCMs is not only the right thing to do, but the timely thing to do," said Mayor Emanuel. "The time of action and meaningful legislation is now. While ending gun violence will take continued persistence, we must pass meaningful legislation to as part of that effort."

The resolution calls on Illinois State lawmakers to enact meaningful gun legislation, including by overriding Governor Rauner's veto of the Gun Dealer Licensing Act and passing the Paul Bauer Act, which would ban body armor and high capacity magazines statewide. The resolution also honors the heroic actions of the students and faculty of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida during and after the February 14th mass shooting that killed 17 people and wounded 14 others.

"The effects of gun violence are sadly all too common in some communities here in Chicago and our collective sympathy and support as a city goes to everyone affected by the tragedy in Parkland," said Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "I join our Aldermen in commending young people across the country for their actions in advocating for commonsense gun legislation, especially right here in Illinois. It is time for our lawmakers to be just as brave as those students and faculty and do the right thing to keep people safe."

This resolution is one of several measures passed by the City Council regarding gun control. The Council also passed an ordinance sponsored by Alderman Edward M. Burke and Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor that prohibit the sale or possession of body armor in the city as well as an ordinance that amends city code to prohibit bump stocks, gunstocks designed to help simulate a fully automatic firearms.

"We need to put people above politics," said Mark Walsh, the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence campaign director. "The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence is continuing to work to

override the Governor's veto of SB 1657, Gun Dealer Licensing. Thank you to the City Council and the Mayor's office for adding their voice to the effort."

The resolution passed by City Council called on Governor Rauner and the Illinois General Assembly to enact statewide legislation, including:

- S.B. 1657 – the Gun Dealer Licensing Act, requires gun dealers to be licensed by the State of Illinois – this bill was vetoed by Governor Rauner earlier this month
- H.B. 1465 – prohibits the sale of assault weapons to persons under 21 and the sale of firearms to individuals with a history of mental illness;
- H.B. 1467 – bans the manufacture or sale of bump stocks;
- H.B. 1468 – imposes a waiting period before the delivery of an assault weapon;
- H.B. 1469 –the Commander Bauer Act bans the sale of body armor and high capacity gun magazines;
- S.B. 1291 – allows family members or law enforcement to ask a court to temporarily confiscate weapons away from an individual who is deemed a danger to themselves or others.

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