

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 594, WHICH CONCERNS BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS AND WOULD APPLY CURRENTLY USED CRIMINAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY BACKGROUND CHECKS BY LICENSED DEALERS TO ALL FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS, INCLUDING GUN SHOWS AND ONLINE SALES, WITH SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS.**

WHEREAS, in 1993, the U.S. Congress passed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, requiring all federally licensed firearm dealers to perform a background check on every firearm purchaser; and

WHEREAS, under current federal and state law, criminal background checks are not required for the purchase or transfer of firearms through transactions that do not involve licensed dealers; for example, at gun shows, over the internet, and between unlicensed persons; and

WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 594 (I-594) will be presented to the voters at General Election on November 3, 2014, with the following official Ballot Title:

Initiative Measure No. 594 concerns background checks for firearm sales and transfers. This measure would apply currently used criminal and public safety background checks by licensed dealers to all firearm sales and transfers, including gun show and online sales, with specific exceptions.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

and

WHEREAS, I-594 will use the same background check system currently in use in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council supports legislation that seeks to keep firearms out of the hands of those prohibited from owning or possessing firearms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555, an opportunity for public statements and comments was afforded by the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** that it supports the passage of Initiative Measure No. 594 - An Act Relating to Requiring Criminal and Public Safety Background Checks for Gun Sales and Transfers, to be presented to the electorate on November 3, 2014.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Darren Nienaber*

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INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY