

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
CHAIR BASKIN**

RE: Call for Federal Action on Gun Control

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2022 an eighteen-year-old male slaughtered ten people in cold blood at a Tops grocery store on Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, this individual used an AR-15 style weapon; and

WHEREAS, assault rifles were initially designed for military use because they enable quick, efficient killing; and

WHEREAS, the federal government instituted a ban on assault weapons in 1994, which expired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a study by the New York University School of medicine found that deaths from mass shootings declined during the decade that the federal assault weapons ban was instituted and increased almost four hundred percent in the decade after the ban expired; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, there have been 277 mass shootings in the United States, resulting in 1565 people shot and killed and 1000 people shot and wounded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls upon our federal representatives to take action and vote for commonsense gun control measures; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these measures include a universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons and red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of those who have been deemed a threat; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution will be given to Representative Brian Higgins, Representative Christopher Jacobs, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Senator Charles Schumer.

Fiscal Impact: None.