

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING UP TO \$208,000 IN MEASURE K RESERVES TO ESTABLISH A SAN MATEO COUNTY GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM; B) APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST OF UP TO \$35,000 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM; C) APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST OF \$138,000 TO NON-DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTRACTING WITH GUN-BY-GUN**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, Firearms transactions have grown in recent years, tripling from 2007 to a peak in 2016, before leveling off by 2018 to 2019, but with 2020 setting the record for the most handguns sold in a year; and

**WHEREAS**, Gun buybacks are events where individuals can turn in firearms to law enforcement, with no questions asked, and receive compensation in return; and

**WHEREAS**, The overall goal of gun buyback programs is to reduce the number of gun deaths and injuries in a community by getting guns off the streets and making homes gun-free, while also providing an opportunity for the safe disposal of unwanted or unsecured firearms, especially by gun owners who would not otherwise know how to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of San Mateo hosted three such successful events in 2018-2019, yielding a total of 1254 firearms collected; and

**WHEREAS**, During buy back events, individuals surrender their firearms to Sheriff's Department personnel in exchange for a cash gift, in the amount of \$100 per handgun/shotgun/rifle and \$200 per assault weapon; and

**WHEREAS**, Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buy Back ("Citizens"), a local community-run group, manages the "incentive" side, directing the grant/donations to a nationally recognized 501(c)3 organization, Gun by Gun, which in turn provides the banking support and actual cash gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff's Department provides all other logistical arrangements, including pre-planning, day-of operational support at and around site, packaging/sealing/labeling/storing for evidentiary purposes, and eventual destruction of the firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to removing firearms from the community, gun buyback events also provide an opportunity to educate the public about safe firearm storage and other gun safety protocols for the home, and to distribute free gun locks. Citizens also disseminates a voluntary and anonymous survey among participants to inform future planning efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the contribution of \$208,000 in **Measure K** reserve funds to establish a San Mateo County Gun Buy Back Program to include five events through 2023, and authorizes and directs the County Manager to take appropriate steps to establish the program.

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**IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager or designee to execute an Appropriation Transfer Request to transfer \$35,000 to the Sherriff's Department to implement the program in the fiscal year 2021-22; and

**IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager or designee to execute an Appropriation Transfer Request to transfer \$138,000 to Non-Departmental Services for purposes of contracting with Gun by Gun for purposes of managing the incentive element of the program.

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