

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON
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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**
4 **IN SUPPORT OF THE LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN**
5 **ACT OF 2020**

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Michael J Farina, Council President

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14 *Resolved that,*

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16 **WHEREAS:** Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines, generally defined as magazines
17 capable of holding more than ten rounds, are feeding devices that may hold as many as 100
18 rounds of ammunition; and

19 **WHEREAS:** Nine States and the District of Columbia have enacted laws banning large
20 capacity ammunition magazines including: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii,
21 Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Vermont; and

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23 **WHEREAS:** Large capacity ammunition magazines have been used in most mass
24 shootings of innocent civilians, including:

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- 26 ● Dayton, Ohio, August 4, 2019: when a shooter **killed 9 and wounded 17** at a local tavern
27 with an AR-15-style assault pistol equipped with a 100-round magazine;
 - 28 ● Parkland, Florida, February 14, 2018: when a shooter **killed 17 and wounded 17** at
29 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School with an AR-15-style assault rifle equipped with
30 a 30-round magazine;
 - 31 ● Las Vegas, Nevada, October 1, 2017: when a shooter **killed 58 and wounded 413** from
32 the window of a suite on the 32nd floor of a hotel tower using weapons that included
33 twelve AR-15-style assault rifles, all of which were equipped with bump stocks and
34 eleven of which had 100-round magazines and one had a 40-round magazine, one AR-10
35 rifle equipped with a 25-round magazine, a bolt-action rifle, and a revolver, and fired
36 more than 1,050 rounds of ammunition;
 - 37 ● Orlando, Florida, June 12, 2016: when a shooter **killed 49 and wounded 58** at the Pulse
38 Nightclub with an AR-15-style assault rifle equipped with a 30-round magazine;
 - 39 ● Newtown, Connecticut, December 14, 2012: when a shooter **killed 26 and wounded 2** at
40 Sandy Hook Elementary School with an AR-15- style assault rifle equipped with a 30-
41 round magazine;
 - 42 ● Tucson, Arizona, January 8, 2011: when a shooter **killed 6 people and wounded 13**
43 outside a grocery store where Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was hosting a
constituent meeting with a semi-automatic pistol with a 33 round magazine, and

44 **WHEREAS:** In a review of 62 mass shootings between 1982 and 2012, large capacity
45 ammunition magazines were recovered in 50% of them. *Mother Jones, "A Killing Machine":*
46 *Half of All Mass Shooters Used High -Capacity Magazines, January 2013;* and

47 **WHEREAS:** A recent study on mass shootings found that restrictions on large capacity
48 ammunition magazines could potentially reduce mass shooting fatalities by 11% to 15% and
49 total victims shot by 24% to 26%. *Christopher S. Koper, Assessing the Potential to Reduce*
50 *Deaths and Injuries from Mass Shootings Through Restrictions on Assault Weapons and Other*
51 *High-Capacity Semiautomatic Firearms, Criminology & Public Policy, 2020,* and

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53 **WHEREAS:** Limiting ammunition magazines to a capacity of 10 rounds would require a
54 shooter to pause to change out the magazine more frequently and could results in lives saved;
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57 **WHEREAS:** Federal courts have repeatedly found that large capacity magazines fall
58 outside the scope of protection by the Second Amendment, and bans have been upheld by the
59 U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Third Circuit, and Fourth Circuit; and

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61 **WHEREAS:** In 2018, U.S. District Judge William Young wrote in his ruling upholding
62 Massachusetts’ ban on large capacity magazines that: “The AR-15 and its analogs, along with
63 large capacity magazines, are simply not weapons within the original meaning of the individual
64 constitutional right to ‘bear Arms’”; and

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66 **WHEREAS:** The Large Capacity Feeding Device Ban Act of 2020 would ban
67 possession, manufacture, purchase, sale or transfer of any ammunition-feeding device capable of
68 accepting more than 10 rounds, and

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70 **WHEREAS:** Representative Justine Caldwell submitted this legislation in the House of
71 Representatives with a record majority forty-two cosponsors and Senator Gayle Goldin
72 submitted this legislation in the State Senate with a majority twenty-one cosponsors, and

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74 **WHEREAS:** On January 29, 2020 the Rhode Island State Senate and the RI House
75 Judiciary Committee passed common-sense gun violence prevention bills banning untraceable
76 Ghost Guns and 3D-Printed Guns in Rhode Island showing momentum in the General Assembly
77 to pass meaningful gun safety legislation.

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79 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the **Cranston City Council**
80 respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly affirmatively vote for H7264 and
81 S2130 the Large Capacity Feeding Device Ban Act of 2020 and that a copy of this resolution be
82 provided to the local state representatives and state senators, the chairs of the House and Senate
83 Judiciary Committees, the House Speaker, the Senate President, and the Governor.

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85 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Donegan, Vargas and Stycos.

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87 Referred to Ordinance Committee March 12, 2020