

RESOLUTION NO. 42-18

BY: **ALLAN DIVIS**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING “PROJECT  
CHILDSAFE”, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Project ChildSafe provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from unauthorized persons, including children, at-risk individuals and criminals; and,

WHEREAS, Project ChildSafe has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in communities across the country and has the support of nearly 3,500 industry organizations to promote safe firearm handling and storage; and,

WHEREAS, Since 2003, more than 37 million firearm safety kits (cable-style gun locking device, lock installment instructions and safety booklet) have been distributed free of charge to gun owners through partnerships with law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and five U.S. territories; and,

WHEREAS, Between 2006 and 2015 firearms accidents dropped by nearly 24 percent and not constitute less than 1 percent of all fatal accidents nationwide, according to the CDC and National Safety Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, a U.S. Government Accountability Office report concluded that providing free locking devices positively influenced behavior to store firearms more safely, and a National Safety Council report showed unintentional firearm deaths have dropped to their lowest level since record keeping began; and

WHEREAS, Project ChildSafe is being introduced in Northeast Ohio, and the City of Parma is desirous of participating in this worthwhile endeavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports “Project ChildSafe” and urges other municipalities, city governments and police chiefs to support this program to encourage responsible firearm storage and help reduce firearm accidents, theft and misuse.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward true and accurate copies of this Resolution to the City Council Office and Police Chiefs of the following municipalities: Berea, Broadview Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, Brookpark, Linndale, Middleburg Heights, North Royalton, Parma Heights, Seven Hills and Strongsville.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to promote safe handling and secure storage of firearms, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO