

**STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Proclamation No. 183-13SO1**

STUDENT PROCLAMATION TO PROTECT AND SAVE CHILDREN FROM GUN VIOLENCE

WHEREAS: On February 14, 2018, an armed former student killed 14 students and 3 educators at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

WHEREAS: The surviving students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have set an example of student leadership in their calls for legislative change and student action; and

WHEREAS: The students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are behind the #NeverAgain and #MarchForOurLives_movement; and

WHEREAS: These students have called for a nationwide march and demonstration to speak out against gun violence on March 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD wishes to take action to prevent and reduce the impact of gun violence on students; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, the SFUSD Board of Education passed a resolution authored by Commissioner Matt Haney, titled "*In Support of the Prevention of Gun Violence*", which states that "the SFUSD supports state and local policies to more strictly control who has access to guns and other weapons"; and

WHEREAS: "*In Support of the Prevention of Gun Violence*" states that "the SFUSD encourages schools to consider holding events, teach-ins, and other activities for both students and their families in partnership with community organizations relating to the prevention of gun violence and violence in general", as well as that "the SFUSD will provide immediate and appropriate resources and support for students at risk of self-harm or harming others"; and

WHEREAS: "In Support of the Sandy Hook Promise Say Something application", students support San Francisco Unified School District's implementation of the Say Something application which will teach students, grades 6-12, how to look for warning signs, signals and threats, especially in social media, of an individual who may be a threat to themselves or others and to say something to a trusted adult to get help; and

WHEREAS: The incidents of gun violence in schools that have occurred in recent years are grounds for urgent and immediate action by legislators.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the students of the San Francisco Unified School District proclaim that we stand in solidarity with the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in memory of all the lives lost to gun violence in schools in the United States; and.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: The SFUSD urges students to inform administration or any school staff about concerns regarding the safety of their campus and that SFUSD administrators and staff will ensure that these concerns are addressed confidentially and with urgency; and

WE FURTHER PROCLAIM: That SFUSD supports the efforts of students to conduct on-site demonstrations of civic activism and lobby legislators regarding action on the issue of gun violence.

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