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2 **RESOLUTION 2013-49**
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF
5 THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA,
6 SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE
7 AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRAFFICKING THROUGH
8 MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN SALES AND MARKETING
9 PRACTICES; DIRECTING THE INTERIM VILLAGE
10 MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE CHIEF OF
11 POLICETO PARTNER WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES
12 TO CREATE A COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS
13 INITIATIVE AND TO WORK WITH GUN AND
14 AMMUNITION SUPPLIERS TO ENCOURAGE THE
15 CONSIDERATION OF SALES AND MARKETING
16 SAFEGUARDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
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19 WHEREAS, federally licensed gun dealers are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked
20 guns, according to a 2000 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives report; and

21 WHEREAS, according to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, gun murders in
22 Florida rose 38 percent between 2000 and 2011 and guns are used in more than 70 percent of Florida
23 homicides, up from 56 percent in 2000; and

24 WHEREAS, guns often fall into criminal hands through “straw purchases”, where a friend or
25 family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along; and

26 WHEREAS, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and
27 Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from
28 falling into criminal hands and leads to a lower incidence of guns being recovered from violent crimes;
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30 WHEREAS, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart have developed the Responsible
31 Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearms through
32 more responsible gun sales and marketing practices and reached an agreement which requires basic and
33 sensible marketing safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and
34 employee training and background checks; and

35 WHEREAS, in the voluntary code signed by retailers that participate in the Responsible
36 Firearms Retailer Partnership, retailers agree to provide a computerized crime gun trace log and alert

1 system, require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, provide point of sale
2 signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and prohibit sales without background check
3 results; and

4 WHEREAS, the Village Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park commends and applauds
5 the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors which contribute to the
6 reduction of gun violence and crimes in our communities, and supports the creation of a coalition in
7 support of the initiative to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE
10 VILLAGE OF BISCAZYNE PARK, FLORIDA:

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12 **Section 1:** That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this
13 reference.

14 **Section 2:** The Village Commission supports the efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal
15 firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices.

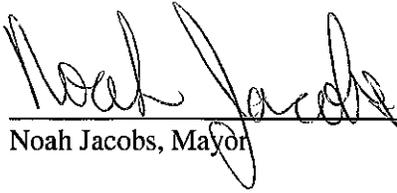
16 **Section 3:** The Interim Village Manager is directed to coordinate with the Chief of Police to
17 partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this initiative and to work with gun
18 and ammunition suppliers to encourage the consideration of sales and marketing safeguards.

19 **Section 4:** The Village Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all
20 municipalities in Miami-Dade County, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., the Miami-Dade County
21 League of Cities, all members of Florida's Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama
22 Administration.

23 **Section 5:** That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by majority vote
24 of the Village Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida.

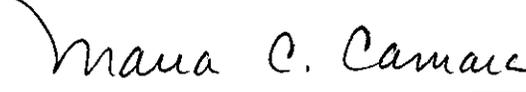
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27 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2013.

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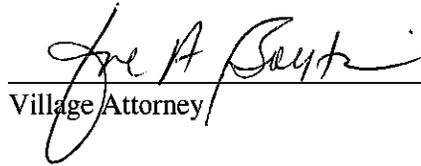
Noah Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:



Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:



Village Attorney

The foregoing resolution upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Jacobs: Yes
Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Cooper: Yes
Commissioner Ross: Yes
Commissioner Watts: Yes