

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-21RA

**A RESOLUTION TO FACILITATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING ON GUN
VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFETY**

**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP**

**JONATHAN ALTENBERG, Township Supervisor
TIMOTHY KOBLER, Township Clerk**

**ROGER ADDELSON
PHILIP HIRSH
SARA KNIZHNIK
SHEILA SEBOR
Trustees**

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WHEREAS, at the heart of its vision and mission, Vernon Township ("Township") is charged with advancing the public good and the public safety of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic increase in gun ownership, often by first-time gun owners, in the wake of the 2020-2021 COVID-19 pandemic and a 30% increase in gun violence nationwide¹; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for American children and teens²;

WHEREAS, the presence of firearms results in incidents of domestic violence and suicide attempts being far more lethal and likely to result in death than when firearms are not present; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has, in recent years, passed several laws that give law enforcement and everyday citizens important tools they can use to help reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that significant reductions in injury and death as a result of firearm usage can be achieved through robust public education campaigns regarding safe storage practices, the proper handling of firearms and risk factors for domestic violence, suicide and unintentional shootings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The statements set forth in the preamble hereto are adopted as the findings of the Township Board, as if fully set forth herein.

¹ <https://pennstatehealthnews.org/2021/10/u-s-gun-violence-increased-30-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

² <https://everytownresearch.org/graph/firearms-are-the-leading-cause-of-death-for-american-children-and-teens/>

Section 2. That, during the calendar year 2022, the Township will endeavor to facilitate educational programming as appropriate to educate the Township on gun violence prevention and firearm safety, which may include but is not limited to the following topics:

- Safe Storage & Best Practices for Ensuring the Safe Usage of Firearms
- Risk Factors: Suicide & Domestic Violence
- Illinois' Firearm Restraining Order & Other Gun Safety Laws
- Local Efforts to Address the Gun Violence Crisis & Reduce Injury and Death

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval.

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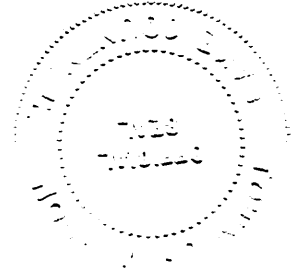
ADOPTED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, on the 11th day of November 2021, by the following roll-call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Addelson	X			
Knizhnik	X			
Hirsh		X		
Sebor	X			
Supervisor Altenberg	X			
TOTAL	4	1		

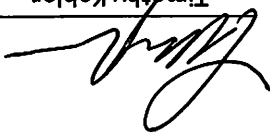
APPROVED this 11 day of November 2021.

Jonathan Altenberg
 Township Supervisor

ATTEST.
 Timothy Kobler
 Township Clerk



(SEAL)


Timothy Kobler
Township Clerk

Given under my hand and official seal at Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, this 11th day of November 2021.

This Ordinance was duly passed and approved by the Township Board at a duly noticed meeting held on the 11th day of November, 2021. I do further certify that a quorum of said Township Board was present at said meeting, and that the Township Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in connection with said meeting.

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Attached to this Certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of Township Ordinance No 11-11-21RA, entitled:

I, Timothy Kobler, certify that I am the elected and duly qualified Clerk of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the "Township") and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Township and its Supervisor and Trustees (collectively, the "Township Board"). I further certify as follows:

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

COUNTY OF LAKE)
SS)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)