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Substitute resolution approving the City's participation in the Gun Safety Consortium.

This resolution approves the City's participation in a gun safety campaign known as the Gun Safety Consortium, and directs the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City.

Whereas, The City has been invited to participate in a gun safety campaign known as the Gun Safety Consortium (GSC) by Common Ground of Southeastern Wisconsin (Common Ground); and

Whereas, The GSC was launched by the faith leaders and citizens who make up the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (Metro-IAF), of which Common Ground is a part; and

Whereas, The GSC is based on two strategies:

1. Use cities' law enforcement as gun purchasers to increase demand for innovative, safer gun security products.
2. Increase shared awareness and advocacy through cities for smarter/safer gun security technology.

; and

Whereas, The Metro-IAF's mission is "social change that strengthens local communities;" and

Whereas, The GSC's goal is to significantly reduce the number of firearm-related deaths, injuries and crimes in America by:

1. Evaluating new gun safety and security prototypes before they are developed and reach the market.
2. Providing feedback to firearms developers on new products that may enhance gun safety.
3. Buying products that have been identified as being able to protect law enforcement officers and their families.
4. Promoting the development and use of products that can help civilian gun owners secure their weapons.

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Whereas, The GSC seeks to change the way governments purchase guns - prioritizing

manufacturers that commit to gun safety and responsible gun sales; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has a longstanding commitment to reducing gun violence and gun injuries through partnerships, policy, and advocacy; and

Whereas, To join the GSC, the City is required to:

1. Contribute \$10,000 for the joint purchase of gun safety products.
2. Commit to evaluate and report back on these products.

; and

Whereas, The Department of Administration has identified existing funding to pay for the City's membership in the GSC, and the City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the membership agreement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, the City's joining the Gun Safety Consortium is approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, The proper City officials are directed to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City.

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