



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 115

RESOLUTION

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*Introduced by City Council on June 15, 2016*

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**Supports Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) and opposes HB 921**

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**Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That**

**WHEREAS**, Allentown City Council supports systematic and thorough background checks for gun purchases; and

House Bill 921, spearheaded by Rep. Tim Krieger, R-Westmoreland has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Assembly and currently sits in the Judiciary Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 921 would eliminate the Pennsylvania Instant Check System as well as the Keystone State's current handgun record of sale and replace it with the federal program; and

**WHEREAS**, the PICS system is comprehensive in identifying records of dangerous criminals, domestic abusers and violent juveniles prohibited from buying firearms: in 2015, PICs was instrumental in some 2,312 arrests and 1,019 convictions, and the apprehension of 1,534 fugitives; and

**WHEREAS**, in testimony before the House Democratic Policy Committee it was noted the average wait time in the system is only 45 seconds in most cases and less than 12 minutes when PICS personnel needs to do a check; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs of Police Association and state police strongly support PICS and oppose HB 921; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 921 supported by the National Rifle Association, would eliminate safeguards that protect our community, our neighbors, our families and ourselves.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Allentown City Council that they hereby go on record opposing HB 921 and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Representatives Peter Schweyer and Michael Schlossberg, and Senator Pat Browne.