

Wilmington, Delaware  
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Sponsors:

Council  
Member  
Turner  
Williams

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council is committed to promoting public safety and reducing gun violence in the City of Wilmington; and

**WHEREAS**, firearms used to perpetrate crimes are often illegally obtained through “straw purchases,” in which firearms are unlawfully purchased on behalf of persons not legally qualified to own, possess or purchase them; and

**WHEREAS**, committing a straw purchase in the State of Delaware can result in a class F felony conviction for a first offense, which can carry a penalty of up to three years’ incarceration, and for each subsequent offense can result in a class C felony conviction, which can carry a penalty of up to fifteen years’ incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, committing a straw purchase is also a federal offense that carries a sentence of up to ten years’ incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000; and

**WHEREAS**, to help deter potential offenders from committing straw purchases by educating them about the serious consequences of such acts, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, created the “Don't Lie for the Other Guy Program” in June of 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Pennsylvania enacted an ordinance in 2008 that established a state-wide straw purchase prevention education program to provide resources and direct grant money to the “Don't Lie for the Other Guy Program” and similar programs that offer straw purchase prevention education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that Wilmington City Council does hereby respectfully encourage the State of Delaware to follow Pennsylvania's lead and establish a state-wide straw purchase prevention education program to provide resources and direct grant money to the "Don't Lie for the Other Guy Program" and similar programs that offer straw purchase prevention education.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 2nd  
day of January 2018.

Elizabeth D. Power  
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution encourages the State of Delaware to establish a statewide straw purchase prevention education program to provide resources and direct grant money to the "Don't Lie for the Other Guy Program" and similar programs that offer straw purchase prevention education.