

Wilmington, Delaware
June 4, 2015

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WHEREAS, domestic violence poses a serious threat to public safety, and can lead to especially devastating consequences for children and families; and

Sponsors:

**Council
President
Gregory**

WHEREAS, according to the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence, firearms in Delaware were used in 40 homicides of intimate partners and 13 homicides of other family members and loved ones involved in domestic violence incidents between 1996 and 2013; and

**Council
Member
M. Brown**

WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly has introduced Senate Bill No. 83, which would expand existing protections for domestic violence victims and substantially reduce abusers' access to firearms; and

Co-Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Shabazz
Cabrera**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 83 would clarify procedures related to domestic violence orders and the disposition of firearms and ammunition in the possession of a respondent, and would further restrict the ability of a respondent from purchasing or otherwise obtaining a firearm following the issuance of such an order; and

WHEREAS, the bill would extend protections emanating from the charge of "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" to include those involved in substantive dating relationships, as well as those who have cohabited at the time of an offense or within five years prior to an offense; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council supports this bill and the additional protections it extends to victims of domestic violence, and applauds the efforts of the General Assembly to further protect abuse victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council supports Senate Bill No. 83, as it promises to provide enhanced protections for victims of domestic violence and abuse, and in doing so,

could arm law enforcement agencies and courts with the capacity to better ensure the safety of victims and families involved in domestic violence.

Passed by City Council,
June 4, 2015

Attest: Traci S. Owens
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form this 1st
day of June, 2015.

Danya Shatruger
Assistant City Solicitor