

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 13043**

BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS

WHEREAS, the United States of America has found itself with a proliferation of illegal guns on our streets; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (AWB) prohibited for ten years the sale of 19 types of semi-automatic military-style guns, including AK-47s, and was signed into law by President Clinton in 1994 and expired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, without the approval of Congress and the President the ban ended, allowing these weapons to return to the streets where they have been used as tools of mass murder capable of killing dozens of people in minutes without the need to reload; and

WHEREAS, the Court makes distinctions with respect to types of speech under First Amendment, the Court should make distinctions among types of weapons under the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that having guns leads to more gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsdale Borough Council respects the rights of residents, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, to bear arms; and

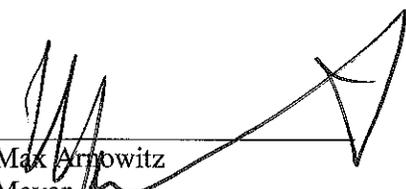
WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the right to bear arms, like all constitutional rights, is subject to reasonable regulation to promote the common good and to protect the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 70 mass shootings in the United States since January 2011 according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; and

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
DeGise, Jason			X			
Frank, Douglas			X			
Kelley, Thomas	X		X			
Looes, Chrisoula			X			
Meyerson, Lawrence		X	X			
Pizzella, Frank			X			

Adopted: February 15, 2013


Susan Witkowski
Municipal Clerk


Max Aronowitz
Mayor