

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Resolution # 2019-003

Ban the Manufacture, Sale or Trade of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Ammunition Devices (LCAD) in the State of Oregon

- A. Whereas the Federal Assault Weapons Ban Act (AWB), HR 3355 (see Note:, enacted in 1994, defined Assault Weapons and LCAD in detail, (Title XI, SEC. 110102 and 110103) and who could legally possess these items to include the Government, law enforcement and the military, while banning the sale, trade or manufacture of these items for other public and private sectors, and
- B. Whereas although the common interpretation of assault weapons includes the AK-47 and AR 15 models, the AWB also covered many other weapons of war including certain pistols, explosive device launchers, and certain long guns are described while exempting, by definition, antique and collectable firearms; and
- C. Whereas the news media reports over 30,000 Americans are killed annually by firearms, (including suicides, gang and police related shootings) most of the mass shootings involved assault weapons and LCADs, and
- D. Whereas, in January 2019 *The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*, amongst many other publications, reported that “Mass shooting related homicides in the USA were reduced during the years of the AWB of (from) 1994 and (to) 2004”, and
- E. The AWB expired September 13, 2004 and was not renewed by Congress:

THEREFORE, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon resolves as follows:

1. The Oregon State Legislature is urged to enact a permanent law banning the manufacture, sale or transfer of Assault Weapons and LCADs as defined in the AWB of 1994 within our State. (See attached HR 3355, Sections 110102 and 110103)
2. Appropriate enforcement actions, to include arrest, confiscation of items, fines and loss of the right to possess firearms should be considered.
3. This would not affect nor limit current ownership of guns by responsible citizens.

Submitted by Steve Hall, Member R&PC, August 2019; Passed by R&PC Sept. 3 2019.

Note: The Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Act (aka Assault Weapons Ban) was enacted as part of the [Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994](#).^[12] The prohibitions expired on September 13, 2004

Attached: Sections 110102 and 110103 of HR 3355