

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 of 2018

WHEREAS, in 1999, gun shows were banned at the Westchester County Center by former County Executive Andrew J. Spano in the wake of the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. That ban ended in 2010 when former County Executive Rob Astorino took office; and

WHEREAS, according to news accounts, since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School there have been 1244 mass shooting with 379 in 2016 alone. United Nations data shows that America dramatically exceeds other developed countries when it comes to gun related homicides; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms & Explosives (ATF), 30 percent of guns involved in federal illegal gun trafficking investigations are connected in some way to gun shows. A study by the ATF in June of 2000, after conducting over 1,500 investigations, concluded that gun shows are a "major trafficking channel," associated with 26,000 firearms diverted from legal to illegal commerce; and

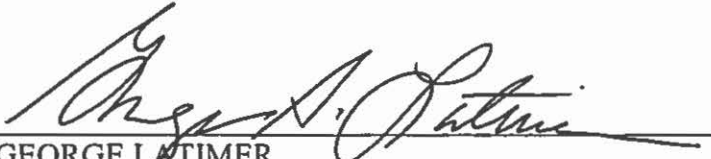
WHEREAS, according to the study, gun shows rank second to corrupt dealers as a source for illegally trafficked firearms. Another study explained that, while violent criminals do not buy most of their guns directly from gun shows, gun shows are "the critical moment in the chain of custody for many guns, the point at which they move from the somewhat-regulated legal market to the shadowy, no questions-asked illegal market; and

WHEREAS, Gun shows on county property will add to the proliferation of guns in Westchester, its surrounding communities and will lead to more gun violence, loss of life and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, recreational county facilities always serve our residents best when used for sporting events, concerts, trade shows and educational activities for our youth. Gun shows are not what taxpayer financed property should be used for;

NOW THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of the County of Westchester, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of Westchester County, hereby direct that effective immediately, Gun Shows shall be prohibited at the Westchester County Center and at all other County property.

RESOLVED, that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.



GEORGE LATIMER
County Executive

Dated: January 2, 2018
White Plains, New York