## Belmont Human Rights Commission Statement Regarding the Frequent Occurrence of Mass Shootings and Gun Violence Across the Nation

According to the <u>New York Times</u>, in 2021 there were 693 mass shootings with 28 of those incidents involving four or more fatalities. The <u>Gun Violence Archive (GVA)</u>, counts 232 so far in 2022. The Belmont Human Rights Commission joins the victims of gun violence in their sorrow and despair. This state of affairs needs to change for our families and children to be safe in our community. The BHRC supports local actions in support of communities affected by gun violence including the student walkout at Belmont High School on June 2.

For resources on how to get involved and learn more about the issues the reader can review the <u>March for Our Lives</u>, <u>Moms Demand Action</u>, and Rolling Stone: <u>"A Sandy Hook Mom on How to Fight for Victims of Gun Violence — Without Traumatizing Their Families."</u>

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