

## **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ENACTMENT OF COMMON SENSE GUN REGULATION**

**WHEREAS, we recognize that the right to bear arms has been held to be an individual right of the citizens of this country by the United States Supreme Court, as the remainder of the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights, however that same Court does permit reasonable and necessary limits to that right, and**

**WHEREAS, a 2017 CDC study found that gunfire kills about 1,300 children each year and injures nearly 5,800 more; and**

**WHEREAS, a 2003 study by Jacquelyn C. Campbell, et al published in the American Journal of Public Health found that the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of the woman being killed by five times; and**

**WHEREAS, America's gun homicide rate is more than the average of other high-income nations; now, therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Legislature should enact common sense legislation to protect the safety of N.C. residents and families as follows:**

- 1. Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order, which allows families and law enforcement to ask the courts to temporarily remove guns from individuals who endanger themselves or the community.**
- 2. Enhance the National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) by requiring any public agency in North Carolina to enter all relevant data in their custody into NICS in a prompt and timely manner.**
- 3. Develop a method of coordinating the entry of relevant mental health data that would prohibit an individual from legally possessing a firearm into NICS, while maintaining the confidentiality of the individual and providing an avenue for judicial redress for that individual as required to ensure due process.**
- 4. Mandate that any individual within the State who intends to transfer possession of a firearm into the custody of another individual ascertain that the receiver of that firearm is not prohibited by law to possess the firearm being transferred.**
- 5. Increase the age to legally purchase a semiautomatic centerfire firearm with a capacity in excess of ten rounds to 21 years of age.**
- 6. Banning bump stocks and limiting magazine capacity to 10.**
- 7. Making tip lines available statewide.**
- 8. Provide funding to increase the number of school psychologists and counselors.**
- 9. Directing the Center for Safer Schools to recommend more funding for trained school resource officers and coordination with local law enforcement agencies.**

