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Proposed draft of Resolution supporting President Obama's Gun Control Initiative*

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WHEREAS, recent tragedies of unimaginable scale, including the mass shootings in Aurora, Colorado and Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut, have acted as a national catalyst for renewed efforts to reduce violence caused by, or related to, the use and ownership of firearms; and

WHEREAS, President Obama recently announced a "gun control initiative," involving both proposed legislation and the issuance of nineteen (19) Executive Orders aimed at better regulating guns and gun safety, along with citizens' access to certain types of firearms, seeks to limit or ban private ownership of military- style assault weapons and armor-piercing bullets, along with the institution of mandatory background checks for all gun owners; and

WHEREAS, incidents such as those which occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Virginia Tech University and Columbine High School, among many others, illustrate the very real need for communities to be vigilant in protecting citizens against gun violence, the CA Democratic Party believes that President Obama's gun control initiatives are an important and necessary step in reaching its goal that our communities be a safe haven for our children free from gun violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the CA Democratic Party expresses its full support of President Obama's gun control initiatives as an important and necessary step towards limiting or eliminating gun violence in our country and in our country's schools and public areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CA Democratic Party urges it Federal and State legislators to support and approve President Obama's gun control initiative and to vote in the affirmative for the passages President Obama's proposed legislation with regard to gun control; and urges other Democratic bodies to adopt a similar resolution in an effort to convince the State's Federal legislators to support President Obama's gun control initiatives and to convince the California Legislature to introduce legislation to address the issues raised herein.