Resolution #17-17

RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ADOPTION OF COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LAWS

WHEREAS, after countless mass killings and a daily toll of 90 deaths from firearms, many involving suicide, gun violence is an ongoing and intensifying national public health crisis, exacerbated by the often unregulated purchase of assault-weapons, high-capacity magazines, bump-stocks, a lack of background checks, screening for mental illness, and in some states, no restriction on gun purchases by criminals, those having restraining orders, or individuals on the no-fly list, and

WHEREAS, there are 265 million guns in the U.S., half of which are owned by 3% of the population, Congress continues to advance laws loosening gun restrictions in spite of 94% voter support for background checks for all gun purchases at private sales, shops or gun shows; and 57% voter consensus that guns are too easy to buy; and, the prohibition of research on gun violence by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and,

WHEREAS, families, loved ones, co-workers and communities today, and in future incidents, will continue to experience insurmountable and unspeakable personal loss and grief from these crises,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, while the Democratic Party of Orange County recognizes the guaranteed Constitutional right to own firearms, that right is subject to common sense gun safety regulations, such as universal mental health checks, the ban on the use of silencers and bump-stocks, and private non-licensed gun sales, that will result in fewer mass shootings and gun-related deaths, restrict guns from mentally unstable individuals, which account for 4% of the mass shootings, and reflect the views and concerns of the American public, including gun owners.

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