



# National Federation of Democratic Women

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## CALL TO ACTION

The National Federation of Democratic Women stand with all Americans in grief for the victims and families affected by the nation's worst mass murder that occurred during the evening hours of October 1, 2017 in Las Vegas. For far too long, we have stood by while innocent lives were lost at the hands of those who sought harm through the use of guns. While the NFDW supports the Second Amendment right of Americans, now is the time to have discussion and policy debate about sensible gun safety and legislation. If we do not look out for the safety of our brothers and sisters, who will? We cannot stand by idly while more Americans' lives are lost at the hands of gun violence.

The following resolution was unanimously passed and adopted at the NFDW 2017 Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia. We stand in solidarity asking Congress to take action to protect the country and those who cannot protect themselves.

### **National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution Advocating Firearm Safety**

**WHEREAS**, there has been a large and ever-expanding number of handguns and multi-round capacity firearms, including semi-automatic multi-fire assault-type weapons and multi-round clips and magazines, in the hands of citizens and an accompanying increase in firearm shootings where many people have been killed or wounded, and that possession, sales or transfers of such firearms are not forbidden by state or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, current laws do not provide universal background checks on all firearm sales and transfers at any time and place, nor do current laws prohibit the sale or transfer of any firearms to any person on the federal no-fly list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Firearms Preemption statute, Fla. Stat. § 790.33, prohibits local governing bodies from passing and enforcing any laws or ordinances concerning firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, laws in effect in the State of Florida and the United States are inadequate to protect all citizens from the danger of injury or death from such firearms;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women urges local, state and federal representatives to pass and implement ordinances, regulations and legislation that prohibit the possession, sale or transfer of all multi-round high capacity firearms and their multi-round clips and magazines; require universal background checks and appropriate waiting periods on all firearm sales and transfers; prohibit the sale or transfer of any firearm to any person on the federal no-fly list, and repeal all existing firearms preemption statutes prohibiting the passage of local laws concerning firearms.