



National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution #6 Supporting President Biden's \$5B Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs

WHEREAS, it has been shown that community-based violence prevention programs are best practices and therefore the best investment of resources to prevent violence while building and sustaining inclusive, healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the need for an injection of federal dollars to sustain community programs is eminently clear in these pandemic times, particularly in the face of exploding violence from interpersonal conflict, homicides, and suicides. Firearm violence over the last two decades has risen alarmingly with a record number of gun violence deaths of approximately 40,000 in 2020, including over 600 deaths in mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, community education on violence prevention and gun safety, partnered with real and substantial resources, are the surest ways to inform Americans about the policy-making that must receive support across the country, from President Biden's Executive Orders regarding firearm trafficking and Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO) to the urgent flurry of proposed legislation addressing expansion of background checks for gun sales, gun violence research, and gun safety standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby supports legislation that implements President Biden's Jobs Initiative/Infrastructure plan with a provision of \$5B for community-based violence prevention programs, including job training and opportunities--essential for the mental health, social capital, and safety of our communities and the nation.