



National Federation of Democratic Women
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Resolution Supporting Action to Address Gun Control

WHEREAS: The U.S. House of Representatives has introduced H.R. 591, the Gun Show Loop Hole Closing Act of 2011; and the U.S. Senate has introduced a companion bill, S. 35; and

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WHEREAS: Convicted felons and other dangerous people should not be allowed to buy guns at gun shows without a Brady criminal background check. In most states convicted felons, domestic violence abusers, and those who are dangerously mentally ill can walk into any gun show and buy weapons from unlicensed sellers. Nor should individuals be allowed to purchase large capacity magazines that allow the killing of numbers of people almost instantaneously; and

WHEREAS: The NFDW also supports bringing attention to the public health aspect of gun control, both the benefits to public health of reducing gun violence and the costs of the deaths due to gun violence. Every year 30,000 deaths are attributed to gun violence, including 18,000 suicides. Another 100,000 Americans are injured by guns. This is a financial cost to all Americans who must pay for the resulting health care expenses, as well as the enormous cost of our prison system; and

WHEREAS: It is a national tragedy to lose so many young people to this health scourge, especially so if deaths are attributed, as they very often are, to the presence of guns in the home, facilitating both homicide and suicide. As recent studies show, the American homicide rate is double any other advanced industrial country rates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby supports the passage of the Gun Show Loop Hole Closing Act of 2011 (H.R. 591 and S. 35), as well as passage of the Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act (H.R. 308 and S. 32), banning large capacity magazines; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the National Federation of Democratic Women forward a copy of this resolution to all chartered National Federation of Democratic Clubs throughout the country.

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