



Resolution
Support for Legislation Banning 3D Printer Guns in New Jersey

In continuation of support against gun violence and on the occasion of the New Jersey State Nurses Association Annual Meeting and Convention, attendees stand in solidarity with the individuals, families and communities impacted by gun violence and with the nurses and other health care professionals who respond and provide care.

DECLARATION

- WHEREAS, in recent years our country has endured unspeakable acts of violence with the common thread in each of these mass-casualty tragedies being easy access to guns.
- WHEREAS, easy access to guns and inadequate access to mental health services contributes to an unsafe environment.
- WHEREAS, at an alarming rate, registered nurses and other health care professionals, in emergency departments, hospitals and clinics across the country, are called upon to care for victims of shootings, homicides, suicides, bombings and accidental shootings.
- WHEREAS, NJSNA commends the nurses and entire health care teams at all receiving facilities for their dedication and professionalism during these tragic events.
- WHEREAS, of grave concern to NJSNA are all human rights violations, including hate crimes. *The Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements* calls on nurses to respect all cultures, value systems, sexual orientation or gender expression and act to change those aspects of social structures that detract from health and well-being.
- WHEREAS, since 1994 the ANA has considered gun violence to be a public health issue with subsequent policy action calling on the need for limits on the availability of handguns, a ban on assault weapons and a waiting period and background check of purchasers from all venues.
- WHEREAS untraceable guns can be made with 3D printers,

THEREFORE, the Members of the 2016 NJSNA Meeting declares,

- THAT, now is the time for passage of meaningful gun control legislation at the state and federal level to protect society from untraceable guns.
- THAT, Legislation has been introduced into the NJ Legislature to ban 3D Guns NJSNA stands in support of this legislation being enacted
- THAT NJSNA support for a ban on 3D Guns arises from a public health and professional safety concern and in no way is in opposition to any individual's Constitutional 2nd Amendment Rights
- THAT, we all must engage in dialogue with our communities at every level of civil society and take action together to address the underlying issues that spawn hate and to stop these unspeakable acts of violence.

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Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact to the association.

Reference:

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