

Support of Gun Violence Research Resolution
Submitted by
NFDW's Legislative Committee

Whereas, premature deaths in the United State are primarily caused by gun violence and in 2013, deaths from gun violence in the United State of America were even greater than deaths from vehicle accidents: 33,000 versus 32,719. Death by guns does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race or political affiliation. Each year there are also an additional 60,000 injuries from guns; and

Whereas, gun violence touches the lives of millions of Americans every year and costs our society billions of taxpayer dollars in law enforcement, judicial system services and is a drain on our healthcare system; and

Whereas, the American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes gun violence as a public health issue, as does the American Public Health Association, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that is dealing with an epidemic of veteran suicides; and

Whereas, in 2013 President Barack Obama lifted a 17-year ban on gun violence research, and on January 21, 2016, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) was joined by a group of Democratic Senators including U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) in calling for immediate funding of a gun violence research agenda at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);

Therefore, be it resolved, the National Federation of Democratic Women is requesting that the Congress of the United States grant Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey and others a hearing before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee to address funding for gun violence research at the Center for Disease Control.