

1                                   **Resolution For Ending the Moratorium on**  
2   **Gun Violence Research**

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4   **WHEREAS** gun violence, including homicides and suicides, claims the lives of more  
5 than 30,000 Americans each year, and more Americans have been killed by guns in the  
6 last 48 years than in all U.S. wars combined;

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8   **WHEREAS** deaths from gun violence far outnumber deaths by terrorism in the U.S.  
9 and overseas;

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11   **WHEREAS** American children are fourteen times more likely to die from firearm-  
12 related injuries on average than children in other developed nations;

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14   **WHEREAS** mass shootings in America continue to occur at an alarming and  
15 unconscionable rate;

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17   **WHEREAS** gun violence in the U.S. is estimated to cost the nation at least \$229 billion  
18 in healthcare costs and lost productivity every year;

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20   **WHEREAS** a society that has the right to bear arms, has a concomitant obligation to do  
21 all that it can to mitigate the harms that result from that freedom; and

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23   **WHEREAS** the U.S. Congress moratorium on gun violence research ratified in 1996 has  
24 stymied research by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes  
25 of Health (NIH), among others, into the causes and potential solutions for America's  
26 epidemic of gun violence;

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28   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democrats, call upon  
29 the U.S. Congressional leadership to immediately end the moratorium on gun violence  
30 research by the CDC and the NIH, and provide the funding necessary to effectively  
31 address America's scourge of gun violence.  
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33 Submitted by the Benton County Convention.

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36 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,  
37 2016 meeting.

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39 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,  
40 2016.  
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