

Urging Support For Responsible Gun Legislation

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3 **WHEREAS** Open Carry is understood to mean the right to carry an unconcealed
4 firearm on one's person in public;

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6 **WHEREAS** Open Carry is lawful in Washington without any permit;

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8 **WHEREAS** RCW 9.41.050 is the primary law which affects gun carrying on a day-to-
9 day basis. This law makes it unlawful for one to conceal a pistol without a concealed
10 pistol license (CPL), and also makes it unlawful for one to carry a loaded pistol in any
11 vehicle, whether it be openly carried or concealed carried, unless a person has a valid
12 CPL;

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14 **WHEREAS** legislators, with the support of AG Ferguson, introduced two gun-control
15 bills during the 2017 session; Senate Bill 5050 and House Bill 1387, which would have
16 imposed a registration-licensing system for a category of firearms commonly known as
17 "assault weapons," and for "large-capacity magazines" (more than 10 rounds).
18 Washington legislators failed to bring either of these bills out of committee;

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20 **WHEREAS** from 2014 to 2018 Washington State has experienced 3,234 incidents
21 involving guns resulting in 791 deaths;

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23 **WHEREAS** the NRA opposes any gun regulation and has lobbied for legislation which
24 has been filed as HB 2306. Republican Representative Van Werven of the 42nd LD and
25 Democratic Representative Blake from the 19th LD are the prime sponsors. HB 2306
26 would allow veterans to carry concealed pistols onto community colleges campuses
27 which includes all land and buildings owned, leased, or operated by a community
28 college and would add a new section to the chapter 28B.50 RCW.

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30 **WHEREAS** HB 2293 sponsored by Democratic Representative Kagi would restrict
31 firearms and dangerous weapons in early learning facilities; and

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33 **WHEREAS** SB 5992, sponsored by Senators Van De Wege, Zeiger, Dhingra, Fain,
34 Pedersen, Liias, and Nelson, has been pre-filed for the 2018 legislative session. SB 5992
35 would prohibit a "trigger modification device" (bump stock) which is designed to
36 accelerate the rate of fire of a firearm;

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
39 Committee (WSDCC) urge state elected officials to bring responsible gun legislation
40 front and center during the 2018 legislative session; and
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42 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC urge state elected
43 officials to oppose legislation that would allow concealed pistols on community college
44 campuses.

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46 Submitted by the 32nd Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
47 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2018 meeting in
48 Bellingham. (Date Submitted 1/12/2018)

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50 The Resolutions Committee reviewed the resolution and recommend that it be passed.

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52 The Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved this resolution on
53 1/28/18.