

A Resolution Standing in Solidarity with the Victims of Gun Violence, and Condemning Gun Violence in America

Sponsors: Jesse Rodriguez and Tyler Gelrud **Co-Sponsors:** Joshua Borjas, Chase Sheriff

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, which sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, ASI provides campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities, as well as, a wide range of programs and services, and

WHEREAS, California State University, Fullerton is committed to providing an environment safe for all students, faculty and staff;¹ and

WHEREAS, in 2015 there were 12,979 homicides involving a firearm, and 22,018 suicide deaths involving a firearm;² and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were 3,184 firearm deaths in California and 38,658 firearm deaths in the United States;³ and

WHEREAS, gun violence has affected communities across the United States, with a disproportionate impact on people of color. In 2010, the rate of firearm homicides for black people was five to six times higher than for any other racial group, and the rate of nonfatal firearm violence for black and Hispanic people was higher than non-Hispanic White individuals;⁴ and

WHEREAS, gun violence in America has often occurred in public spaces including, but not limited to, movie theatres, concerts, churches, nightclubs, and schools;⁵ and

¹ Student Safety, Human Resources Page. http://rmehs.fullerton.edu/studentsafety/

² Center for Disease Control Data. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/homicide.htm

³ Center for Disease Control Data. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/california/california.htm

⁴ U.S. Dept. of Justice Special Report, Data 1993-2011, https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/fv9311.pdf

⁵ Mass Shootings Statistics and Graphics provided by the Washington Post. https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/national/mass-shootings-in-america/?utm_term=.fb6dbf9b96b5

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, 17 students and staff were killed and more injured in a mass shooting involving the use of firearms at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida;⁶ and

WHEREAS, the "March for Our Lives" event that took place on March 24, 2018 in Washington, DC, and in hundreds of "sibling marches" throughout the country were peaceful rallies organized and led by students across the country who are demanding action be taken to prevent gun violence and the epidemic of mass school shootings, demanding that their lives and safety become a priority;⁷ and

WHEREAS, a National School Walkout took place on April 20, 2018, the nineteenth anniversary of the Columbine school shooting that took place on April 20, 1999. Several supporters at schools across the country participated in this nationwide event which was geared to call attention to the issue of gun-violence at schools in America; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI shall collaborate with University Police to post updated informational material on the ASI website concerning shelter-in-place procedures and campus emergency preparedness; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI stands in solidarity with those affected by gun-violence and the victims of gun-violence across the United States, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI condemns senseless acts of gun violence that have negatively impacted communities across the nation, and let it further

RESOLVED, that ASI supports advocacy efforts and student led and organized movements that expose the impact of gun-violence in our country and call for action to prevent further gun-violence, and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, all CSU Student Governments, all UC Student Governments, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, the Fullerton City Council, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: the Office of the Daily Titan Newspaper, Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, and the Academic Senate.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the eighth day of May in the year two thousand and eighteen.

Nicholas Jakel

Jesse Rodriguez

Chair, Board of Directors

Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors

⁶ Victims of Parkland School Shooting. https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/15/us/florida-shooting-victims-school/index.html

⁷ March 24th, 2018, March for Our Lives Protests, https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/24/us/march-for-our-lives.html

⁸ April 20th, 2018. National School Walkout http://time.com/5238216/national-school-walkout-april-20/

Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby [<a> ,] approve / [<a>] refuse to approve this resolution.	
Laila Dardalhay	5/18/2018
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