

SALE, RESALE AND DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS

- Whereas, Due to its tremendous impact on the health and well-being of our youth, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, has declared violence a public health problem which must be dealt with using many multi-disciplinary strategies and approaches; and
- Whereas, One of the leading causes of death for teenagers in the United States is homicide with the use of handguns, rifles, and assault weapons; and
- Whereas, Children and youth of all ages have been injured and killed in random shootings traumatizing entire communities and causing children to live with constant fear and stress; and
- Whereas, In some municipalities, guns and other weapons which are confiscated in the commission of a crime, through searches, or "turn in" programs are processed for investigative purposes, and when released by judges are then sold to gun shops for resale to the general public; and
- Whereas, The total number of weapons available is greatly increased by the resale of confiscated weapons; and
- Whereas, The street and home accessibility of these ever increasing numbers of weapons contributes to the often dangerous and violent environment which surrounds many of our children and youth; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent bodies shall seek and support legislation for state and federal funding initiatives for the research of the causes and effects of gun violence; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent bodies shall seek and support legislation requiring that all guns and other weapons, after being processed and released by the courts, shall not merely be dismantled, but destroyed; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent bodies support federal legislation to require a license to purchase a handgun; prohibit the sale of more than one handgun a month to any individual; prohibit gun possession by those convicted of spousal abuse and child abuse; require a special license for possession of a gun arsenal; require gun dealers to pay an increased annual license fee; mandate a federal tax on assault weapons ammunition; and, ban semi-automatic assault weapons, Saturday night special handguns, and non-sporting ammunition.
- Adopted: by the 2017 Convention of Delegates