

**Proposed Resolution**  
**New Jersey State Nurses Association**  
**October 2019**

**Resolution Denouncing Hate & Domestic Terrorism**

- Whereas, on August 3, 2019 a shooting at the Walmart in El Paso TX killed at least 20 and injured over 40 more and within 24 hours of the El Paso mass shooting, 9 individuals were killed and over 26 others were injured in a mass shooting in Dayton OH;
- Whereas, the current government of the United States has failed to enact gun safety laws and some participate in inciting violence through rhetoric;
- Whereas, the gun lobby exerts far too much influence on the legislative efforts of the government of the United States of America;
- Whereas, domestic violence in the USA has repeatedly led to hundreds of deaths over the past 2 decades and disrupted the lives of thousands of family members;
- Whereas, assault weapons and loopholes in gun buyer background checks and,
- Whereas, the New Jersey State Nurses Association has advocated for an ability of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be able to study gun violence and has actively opposed gun violence,
- Whereas, the American Nurses Association passed a similar resolution at its 2016 Membership Assembly therefore be it
- Resolved that the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA) stand in full support of the study of gun violence, and
- Resolved that the NJSNA speak out to all elected officials on the opposition to unrestricted arms and poorly vetted gun owners and
- Resolved that the NJSNA stand in full opposition to domestic terrorism and hate speech and
- Resolved that the NJSNA stand as a nursing profession that empathizes and holds those lost and their families in condolence with a pledge to continue to address this issue.

Fiscal impact to NJSNA: Incorporate into lobbying and marketing budget.

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Recommended for membership vote at Annual Meeting by NJSNA Board of Directors 9-24-19

Reference:

American Nurses Association Membership Assembly Position Statement June 2016:

<https://www.nursingworld.org/news/news-releases/2018/stop-the-madness-end-the-violence/>