Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County

Resolution in Support of Gun Control Laws

**WHEREAS**, data provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) shows that nationally, on an average day, 96 Americans are killed with guns (Reference <https://everytownresearch.org/gun-violence-by-the-numbers>); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Gun Violence Archive ([www.gunviolencearchive.org](http://www.gunviolencearchive.org) ) from January 1, 2018 to report time on March 1, 2018 there were 8,795 incidents of gun violence resulting in 2,341 deaths and 4,006 injuries, nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gun Violence Archive reports that of the reported deaths and injuries, 91 were children between the ages of 0 and 11, 448 were teens between the ages of 12 and 17, and 50 were police officers. Further, in this short span of time there have been 36 mass shootings and 264 unintentional shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, a correlation between domestic violence and mass shootings is made in several articles on the following websites to name a few: [www.npr.org/2017/10/07/556405489/the-relationship-between-domestic-violence-and-mass-shootings](http://www.npr.org/2017/10/07/556405489/the-relationship-between-domestic-violence-and-mass-shootings); [www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/11/6/16612410/domestic-gun-violence-mass-shootings](http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/11/6/16612410/domestic-gun-violence-mass-shootings); [www.fortune.com/2017/11/07/domestic-violence-shootings-statistics](http://www.fortune.com/2017/11/07/domestic-violence-shootings-statistics); and <https://nccadv.org/homicides-2017>; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the mass murders in the US have been committed by persons with assault rifles. Further, in a February 22, 2018 article written for The Charlotte Observer by Ann Doss Helms, Chief Kerr Putney is quoted as saying that illegal guns is one factor in the surge of deaths in Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, NC House Bill 746 which would allow gun owners 18 years of age or older who are not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm, to carry concealed weapons without a permit; and

**WHEREAS,** when a firearms background check is inconclusive, the investigation is turned over to the FBI who must, in three days, conduct a background check. If the FBI is unable to complete its investigation within three days, the applicant may purchase a gun without one.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County (DWMC) demands a NO vote on House Bill 746 of its NC Legislative body.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DWMC urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to make a strong case for all Democrats in Congress to advocate for the closure of the FBI loophole allowing persons who have not passed a background check to own guns.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the AR-15 rifle and all other military style firearms be banned from civilian ownership.

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