

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND MASS SHOOTINGS

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012 a deranged killer wielding a legally and easily obtained high capacity assault weapon with high capacity ammunition magazines shot his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and killed twenty young children and six brave educators and administrators; and

WHEREAS, The massacre in Newton was sadly, not an anomaly as families continue to grieve as a result of shockingly similar incidents from Aurora, Colorado to Tucson, Arizona, to Blacksburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, while President Obama strongly believes that the Second Amendment guarantees individuals the right to bear arms, he also believes this is the time to make common sense efforts to protect children and our communities from gun violence. There is an immediate need for regulating military style assault weapons, high capacity ammunition magazines, instituting universal background checks for gun purchases and allowing the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms to collect information to help establish effective policies to prevent gun trafficking and this need has never been clearer if we want to protect children and our communities from gun violence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Arizona Democratic Party supports efforts by Chad Campbell, Minority Leader in the Arizona House of Representatives and his Democratic colleagues, as well as Democratic members of the Arizona Legislature, to minimize the frequency and deadly reach of mass shootings in the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Arizona Democratic Party calls on all Democratic members of Congress and the Arizona Legislature to demonstrate courage and leadership to support the

efforts of Chad Campbell and fellow Democrats working to stop the proliferation of military style assault weapons, minimize the frequency of mass shootings in the United States and to allow agencies like the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms to collect information and evidence to help establish effective policies to prevent illegal gun trafficking.

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