

RESOLUTION 2022-09

In Support of Reducing Gun Violence Through Legislation and Other Measures

RESOLVED:

- A. that the 139th annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina urges all North Carolina state and federal legislators to sponsor and work for passage of laws to
 1. Require universal background checks for every gun purchase, including private sales and those made at gun shows; and¹
 2. Prohibit citizen possession, sale, transfer, importation and manufacture of semi-automatic military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and
 3. Prohibit persons from purchasing guns without evidence of reputable gun safety training; and
 4. Promote Congressional and state funding for research into the causes and prevention of gun violence.
- B. that congregations of this Diocese be strongly urged to:
 1. Make preventing gun violence a regular part of our conversations and prayer times and
 2. Partner with local law-enforcement agencies and community groups to encourage gun retailers to practice the letter and spirit of appropriate standards and laws and
 3. Prohibit carrying guns onto church property and
- C. that individual Episcopalians in the Diocese of East Carolina be encouraged to:
 1. commit to continuing to educate themselves on this issue and share accurate information with others; and
 2. if they own guns, commit to safely and securely store their guns and promote the importance of teaching and practicing gun safety.

Adopted the 4th day of June, 2022 by the 139th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina.

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