

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

WHEREAS Today, in communities across our state, Texans of all ages and backgrounds will march together in unified, resolute protest to send a message to legislators in Austin and Washington, D.C.: not one more life will be lost at the hands of a mass shooter in America;

And WHEREAS, Published studies from Gun Violence Archive indicate that there have been over 200 school shootings in the United States, and over 400 school shooting deaths, since the unspeakable tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut in 2012. Sixteen of those incidents are classified as "mass shootings;"

And WHEREAS, By prioritizing the passage of controversial open carry laws, concealed carry mandates for college campuses and "school marshal" legislation, Texas Republicans have proven time and again that campaign contributions from the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association are more important than passing popular reforms that would effectively safeguard Texas' schoolchildren;

And WHEREAS, By participating in the convention process, Texas Democrats reaffirm their commitment to a Texas value system that represents the promise made to Texas families by their elected representatives. Texas parents work hard and pay taxes so Texas children can attend high quality, and safe, public schools. Texas Democrats are working night and day to elect bold, progressive leaders that will proudly fight for safe Texas schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Cherokee County Democratic Party on this day of the convening of local Democratic party leaders, candidates, activists and volunteers, enrolls this resolution urging our state and federal legislators to support broadly popular, common-sense legislation that strengthens federal background checks, requires background checks at gun shows, bans the sale of assault rifles, high-capacity magazines, bump stocks, and all modification devices which make a weapon fully automatic, eliminates agency loopholes allowing for the sale of firearms to criminals, increases the minimum age for firearm purchases to 21, voids state-level open carry laws; reinstates the study of gun violence, and provides for appropriate data collection and funding for the Texas Department of Corrections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Cherokee County Democratic Party stands side-by-side in solidarity with student leaders, concerned parents, and activists involved in March For Our Lives demonstrations happening across the country this weekend;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Cherokee County Democratic Party, on this day of the convening of local Democratic party leaders, candidates, activists and volunteers, enrolls this resolution in memory of the victims of tragic gun violence across the State of Texas and our nation, and that this County Democratic Convention will adjourn in their memory.

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