

Resolution 18-314
FMA Campaign Initiative to Educate, Advocate, Research, and Protect Public Safety “EARP”
Broward County Medical Association

1 Whereas, The AMA HOD in June 2018 had extensive debate and multiple resolutions regarding Gun
2 violence and safety and adopted a policy about it.

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4 Whereas, In the interest of integrating State and National policy into one consistent policy and
5 furthermore improve the policy taking into consideration the different States and their input.

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7 Whereas, Gun violence is a public health epidemic that is growing in frequency and lethality, and it is
8 taking a toll on our patients.

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10 Whereas, We urge our national leaders to recognize in this moment what the medical community has
11 long understood: we must treat this epidemic no differently than we would any other pervasive threat to
12 public health. We must identify and study the causes and take evidence-based approaches to prevent
13 future suffering.

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15 Whereas, Strengthening firearm background checks and supporting funding for federal research and
16 public health surveillance on firearm-related injuries and fatalities would provide meaningful progress in
17 achieving a public health solution for this issue along with education about responsible gun ownership;
18 therefore be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the Florida Delegation to the American Medical Association submit a resolution at the
21 AMA Interim Meeting that would direct the AMA to (1) initiate a campaign and work with organizations
22 to research and educate the public about gun safety, responsible gun ownership and ways to prevent
23 gun violence; (2) create model state and/or federal legislation that would protect citizens from the
24 misuse of fire arms, teach the public about responsible gun ownership and address the problem of gun
25 violence; (3) seek Congressional funding to allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to
26 conduct research into gun violence; and be it further

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28 RESOLVED, That the FMA (1) promote research and education to the public and physicians about gun
29 safety, responsible gun ownership and ways to prevent gun violence, and (2) promote unfettered
30 dialogue about firearm related issues between physicians, their patients and the public at large.

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Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
20 staff hours	\$1,350	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$1,350	\$0 added to the operating budget

Fiscal notes are an estimate of the cost to implement a given Resolution. All Resolutions that are adopted by the House of Delegates will be referred to the FMA Committee on Finance and Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Reference Committee: III – Legislation