

## **Resolution in Support Funding NC S.A.F.E. (Securing All Firearms Effectively) Initiative**

**WHEREAS**, the NC Task Force for Safer Schools is committed to creating a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence continues to be a serious threat in schools across the nation, causing immense harm and disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, firearms are now the leading cause of injury-related death for children and youth in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the NC S.A.F.E. initiative offers a comprehensive approach to promoting safe gun storage practices and reducing the risk of accidental shootings and unauthorized access to firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, the NC S.A.F.E. initiative provides resources and education to schools and communities on proper gun storage techniques, safe gun handling practices, and responsible gun ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, an investment of \$2.16 million in state recurring funds in the NC S.A.F.E. initiative would ensure its successful implementation and its ability to reach a significant number of schools and communities throughout North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NC Task Force for Safer Schools recommends state recurring funds in the amount of \$2.16 million to support the statewide NC S.A.F.E. campaign, distribution of safe storage tools and educational materials, and an enhanced strategy to address suicide prevention, theft of guns from vehicles; and funding for one full-time employee to coordinate campaign activities and manage related administrative/logistical tasks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Task Force believes this investment will significantly contribute to creating safer school environments and protecting the well-being of students, staff, and communities across North Carolina.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Task Force will actively advocate for the passage of this funding and work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the NC S.A.F.E. initiative.

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