

## **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (UUFSD) Resolution**

### **Gun Violence Prevention Action of Immediate Witness**

BECAUSE members of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito witness the current crisis of gun violence through the lens of our Seven Principles, several of which are:

- 1) To affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each person;
- 2) To affirm justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- 3) To commit to the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; and

WHEREAS, senseless gun violence, mass shootings and the fear of gun violence affects all ages and especially has a negative impact on children's learning, health, and behavior, which interferes with the ability of students to succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, solving the crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a coordinated and collaborative effort involving communities, elected officials, law enforcement, medical support systems, social services, mental health professionals, and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, recent resolutions and statements of conscience across Unitarian Universalist congregations have inspired UUFSD to support a call to action to spread this message across the national Unitarian Universalist Association; and

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalist congregations, other religious and community affiliates and those experienced with the process and content of developing gun violence prevention legislation, stand ready to assist and guide us in undertaking this worthy and much needed statement of commitment and propose legislation; and

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito endorses a congregational commitment to work for national gun violence measures, which shall include the following:

- Funding and implementation for collecting and compiling gun violence data including research into the causes and consequences of gun violence, such as the research that was begun by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but abruptly halted in 1996 when the Dickey Amendment was enacted;
- Repeal of P. L. 109-92 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), which provides unique legal protection in many cases when a gun company negligently sells or makes a gun that ends up in being used in crimes or violence;
- Organized student and adult ally actions to support and amplify students' voices and work toward creating a future where children are no longer murdered in schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UUFSD is committed to take action by supporting National

Gun Violence Legislation that shall include:

- Background checks on all firearm purchases (guns and ammunition) in gun stores, gun shows and through the Internet, which includes curios and relics.
- A ban on ALL assault weapons, their high capacity magazines, armor piercing ammunition, bump stocks, and any other equipment such as silencers, or modifications that would increase the firearms capacity or rate of fire;
- A 10-day waiting period on the purchase and mandatory registration of all weapons.
- Fingerprint recognition on all new gun sales.
- Banning gun purchases by people on the National No Fly List, the Terror Watch List and persons who have been convicted of domestic violence or have restraining orders.
- Limiting firearms or ammunition purchases to US citizens at least 21 years of age, who have taken a nationally approved gun safety education class and have passed a national licensing test to prove their knowledge of gun safety, law, and procedures as well as a practical shooting exam.
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT UUFSD agrees to:
- Partner with interfaith groups and local community activists, the Unitarian Universalist Association other established local groups and elected officials to advocate for national gun violence prevention legislation.
- Speak with local public and private health professionals, members of the legal profession, the American Bar Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, elected officials and candidates for office about national gun violence prevention legislation; and

These we affirm and so commit UUFSD to support in policy and action.

*Duly Adopted by Congregational Vote on June 17, 2018, as affirmed by Board Secretary, Alisa Guralnick.*