

## Gun Violence Resolution

Whereas the [Presbyterian Church USA](#) has established positions urging national action to address gun violence; and

Whereas, the [U.S. Leads the world](#) in mass shootings among developed nations; and

Whereas, the vast [majority of Americans](#) support common sense gun laws.

Whereas; America is plagued with [increasing mass shootings](#) with military assault weapons since the the 10 year military assault weapons ban failed to be renewed by congress in 2004; and.

Whereas, resolutions to this problem will not be successfully adopted until all parties acknowledge that this is a problem that must be addressed.

Whereas, [legislation](#) has been introduced in the State Legislature by Richfield Representative Linda Slocum attempting to start constructive discussion on ways to reduce gun violence; and

Therefore be it resolved, that the Session of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, urges state and national legislators to acknowledge that gun violence must be addressed as a public safety issue and not ignored because legislators receive [huge campaign donations](#) weapons manufacturers and the NRA.

Be it further resolved that the Session of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington supports legislation that would:

1. Reinstate the ban of assault weapons at a national level as proposed in [H.R.5087 - Assault Weapons Ban of 2018](#)
2. Require gun owners to purchase and maintain liability insurance similar to what is required for obtaining an automobile license as required in Minnesota Statutes Chapter [65B.48](#)
3. Require that applicants for hunting licenses, conceal and carry permits and purchase of a firearm demonstrate the same visual acuity requirements established to obtain a motor vehicle license as required in Minnesota Administrative Rules: [7410.2400](#)
4. Prohibit possession of a gun outside of a place of residence when under the influence of drugs or alcohol similar to that required for operation of a motor vehicle in Minnesota Statutes Chapter [169A.20](#)

### References:

PCUSA

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JRLC

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