



Title: Community Gun Safety Initiatives to Improve Community Knowledge and Awareness

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1 **WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2020, the most recent year for which
2 complete data is available, 45,222 people died from gun-related injuries in the United States. Suicide accounted for
3 54% of U.S. gun deaths in 2020, 43% from homicide. In the U.S., 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens
4 are homicides. Youth violence has lasting harmful effects on young people, families, and communities, and

5 **WHEREAS**, more than 1,200 people in Michigan died from gun violence in 2019, an average of more than three
6 people every day; suicides accounted for 61% of gun deaths, and homicides were 38%, and

7 **WHEREAS**, in Michigan, an average of 89 children and teens die from gun violence every year, and 52% of these
8 deaths are homicides.; in Flint in 2021, 21.71 violent crimes were committed per 1,000 people, 0.825 homicides per
9 1,000 people, and 2.9 non-fatal shootings per 1,000 people , and

10 **WHEREAS**, family physicians are working to improve knowledge and awareness among the patient population about
11 gun safety and we aim to provide education and counseling intervention about gun safety in our communities, now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that Michigan Academy of Family Physicians work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human
14 Services to share resources and provide free gun safety kits, which include gun locks and instructions on use as well
15 as gun safety guides, which include information on safe handling, safe storage in both home and vehicle, child and
16 adolescent safety, and information for family physicians on how to recognize individuals at high risk for violence.