

1 **OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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3 **Resolution No. 29 – 2024**

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5 **Introduced by:** Young Physician Section and Medical Student Section

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7 **Subject:** Firearm Safety for Civilians and Law Enforcement

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9 **Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 2  
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13 **WHEREAS**, firearm injuries are the leading cause of death among children and  
14 teens, and is thus a public health problem<sup>1</sup>; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, using firearms is the most common method of suicide in the United  
17 States, contributing to the suicide public health crisis<sup>2</sup>; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, in an April 2023 Fox News poll, Americans overwhelmingly favor  
20 background checks (87%), requiring mental health checks (80%), flagging individuals  
21 who are at risk of harm to self (80%), and requiring a 30-day waiting period (77%)<sup>3</sup>; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Policy 54-1989, “Waiting Period before Gun Purchase” states  
24 “The OSMA supports a waiting period of at least one week before purchasing any form  
25 of firearm in the state of Ohio”; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, state legislators are introducing legislation to require universal  
28 background checks, reintroduce concealed carry permits, and prohibiting people  
29 convicted of domestic violence from owning a firearm<sup>4</sup>; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, Ohio House Bill 99 now allows for teachers to be armed in the  
32 classroom after only 24 hours of training, though it was opposed by both teachers’ and  
33 law enforcement groups<sup>5</sup>; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) opposed the elimination of  
36 concealed carry permits in Senate Bill 215, which also eliminated the affirmative duty to  
37 inform law enforcement of a concealed weapon, jeopardizing the safety of law  
38 enforcement officers<sup>6</sup>; and therefore

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association supports a required  
41 background check for the purchase of all firearms; and be it further

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43 **RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association supports extreme risk  
44 protection orders, also known as “red flag laws”, for individuals who have demonstrated  
45 significant signs of potential harm to self or others; and be it further  
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47           **RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association reaffirms OSMA policy 54-  
48 1989 “Waiting Period before Gun Purchase”; and be it further

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50           **RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association supports safety training  
51 requirements and a permit to carry a concealed firearm; and be it further

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53           **RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association opposes possessing a  
54 firearm in schools with the exception of trained security or law enforcement officers.

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57 **Fiscal Note:**           \$ (Sponsor)  
58                               \$ 50,000 (Staff)

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