

**RESOLUTION 2022-10**

**PENINSULA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT DECLARES  
GUN VIOLENCE A  
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mandate of the Peninsula Health Care Board of Directors to identify and address health needs of residents of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peninsula Health Care District Board of Directors has made as its strategic priority to serve as a flexible and immediate responder during times of crisis such as during an emerging global health pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peninsula Health Care District Board of Directors embraces as a strategic value, collaboration- working in partnership with others committed to improving the health of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens ( ages 1 to 19) in the United States. Every year, 18,000 children and teens are shot and killed or wounded and approximately 3 million are exposed to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, 58% of child and teen gun deaths are homicides; and

**WHEREAS**, cities across the nation, including in the cities served by the District, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Governing Board's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Peninsula Health Care District thereof concurring, that the District hereby recognizes and declares Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis and encourages all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Health Care District, County of San Mateo, State of California, duly held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: CAPPEL,GALLIGAN,PAGLIARO,NAVARRO,ZELL

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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