

1 **SUBJECT:** Violence Prevention and Common-Sense Firearms Control

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4 **REFERRED TO:** Public Affairs Committee

5 WHEREAS, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) recognizes the level of violence
6 prevalent in today's society that has caused significant morbidity and mortality; and

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8 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Texas to protect the health and welfare of its
9 citizens; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of physicians to discuss safety with patients who own
12 firearms; now, therefore be it

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14 RESOLVED, that TOMA continue to encourage physicians in the State of Texas to discuss firearm
15 safety in the household at every office visit; and, be it further

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17 RESOLVED, that TOMA support research and the study of violence and firearms in today's
18 society; and, be it further

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20 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) encourage the
21 enforcement of existing laws and support universal background checks for all firearm sales as
22 well as a reasonable waiting period to purchase a firearm. This includes support of 'Red Flag
23 Laws' that authorize law enforcement in protection of the public and the restriction of the sales
24 of 'bump stocks', weapons, ammunition and large capacity magazines that are design for
25 military and law enforcement.

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