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## Resolution to End Gun Violence

Whereas, the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14 in Newtown, Connecticut follows in the wake of a trail of similar horrendous mass killings of the innocent, including those that occurred at Columbine High School; Virginia Tech; Aurora, Colorado; Oikos University; and Tuscon, Arizona, we can no longer remain silent; and

Whereas, powerful lobbying groups have promoted the idea that the ownership of weapons is a Constitutional right, a distortion that goes beyond what the framers intended when they crafted the Second Amendment to the Constitution; and

Whereas, some wrongheaded individuals have gone so far as to propose arming principals and teachers, thereby exacerbating a bad situation by empowering others to make it worse; and

Whereas, there also exists a tremendous need for access to quality mental health services for children, youth and adults,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council join the demand that the government of the United States legislate that the importation, sale, purchase and possession of guns that are intended as weapons of war, including assault weapons and high capacity ammunition, be made illegal so that those weapons and material can be taken off the streets; and

Be it Finally Resolved that access to quality mental health services be expanded, funded and ensured, and include school-based mental health services at all levels.

Submitted by Dennis Kelly, UESF, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on January 14, 2013.

Respectfully,

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