Alaska Association of Student Government
Resolution #9
Gun Safety Awareness in Alaska Schools
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that gun safety courses, determined on what resources schools have available, are to be implemented into an instructional presentation (similar to Bree's Law) or into a current health course, structured by a grade-appropriate curriculum, in all Alaskan schools. This would not apply to schools that already provide a gun safety course.

1. **Whereas**, research shows that 39 percent of gun owners have no safety training;[3]
2. **Whereas**, Alaska has some of the most lenient gun laws in the country and the third-highest gun death rate;[1]
3. **Whereas**, based on finalized data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 182 gun deaths in Alaska in the year of 2024;[7]
4. **Whereas**, Alaska's overall gun death rate increased by 4% between 2023 and 2024;[4]
5. **Whereas**, firearms were the leading cause of death among adolescents, ages 1 through 17, in 2024; [2]
6. **Whereas**, 57% of Alaskan adults keep firearms in or around their house; [5]
7. **Whereas**, an average of 20 children and teens die by guns every year in Alaska; [8]
8. **Whereas**, only 82% of Alaskans who own firearms store them safely; [2]
9. **Whereas,** gun owners who reported a gun safety training course influenced their gun storage practices were **twice** as likely to practice safe storage for all of their guns; [2]
10. **Whereas,** Fish and Game offers an online gun safety education course that could be used as a curriculum resource; [6]

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that gun safety courses, determined on what resources schools have available, are to be implemented into an instructional presentation (similar to Bree's Law) or into a current health course, structured by a grade-appropriate curriculum, in all Alaskan schools. This would not apply to schools that already provide a gun safety course.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution would be sent to the Alaska Board of Education.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

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