

PFT RESOLUTION TO AFT ON *NEVER AGAIN*

Whereas, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida is the 18th school shooting in 2018, and 138 people have lost their lives in school shootings in the US since Sandy Hook in 2012, and in that same time period over 150,000 people have died from gun violence in the US¹; and

Whereas, just six days after the school shooting in Parkland, student activists who survived the shooting traveled to the Florida State Capitol to demand stricter gun control laws; and

Whereas, the students of Stoneman Douglas are boldly leading a nationwide youth-led movement to get our government to end school shootings through sane gun control laws called **Never Again**; and

Whereas, politicians who accept funding from weapons corporations are then controlled by those corporations; and

Whereas, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) is a national organization representing 1.7 million members; and

Whereas, the AFT Executive Council passed a resolution condemning gun violence, entitled GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SCHOOL SAFETY²; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Peralta Federation of Teachers (PFT) Executive Council expresses its strong support for the AFT resolution; be it further

Resolved, the PFT urges the AFT to apply strong sustained political pressure on legislators, through lobbying and nonviolent direct action, to pass sensible gun laws favored by experts and cited in the AFT resolution, including bans on both assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines, background checks and other vetting processes, the revocation of the federal Dickey Amendment (which has prohibited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from conducting research on gun-related deaths), and rescinding the gun industry's immunity from prosecution, while also opposing wrong-headed and counterproductive ideas like arming faculty and staff; be it further

Resolved, the PFT urges the AFT to completely divest pension funds and other funds from the gun industry; be it further

Resolved, the PFT will circulate this resolution to its members and will support local student-led activities, including the "March for Our Lives" action on March 24th, organized by the courageous survivors of the Stoneman Douglas shooting and other school shootings.

¹ <https://www.preventioninstitute.org/focus-areas/preventing-violence-and-reducing-injury/preventing-violence-advocacy>

² <https://www.aft.org/resolution/gun-violence-prevention-and-school-safety>