

**Resolution Opposing Campus Carry at the Atlanta Campus of Georgia State University**

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association serves as the official voice of students at the Atlanta campus of Georgia State University, and,

**WHEREAS**, This resolution represents the voice of students at the Atlanta Campus of Georgia State University, but it does not necessarily reflect the opinion of Georgia State University or the University System of Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college-aged individuals<sup>1</sup>, and,

**WHEREAS**, “Over half of college students reported some form of suicidal thinking in their lives” and 18% of undergraduates and 15% of graduate students have seriously considered attempting suicide<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS** “Findings also suggest that the presence of a gun in the home increases the chance that a homicide or suicide in the home will be committed with a firearm rather than by using other means”<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS** In the event of a campus shooting, authorities might have trouble distinguishing between those with a drawn weapon acting in self-defense and the bad actor with a drawn weapon acting with malicious intent<sup>5</sup>.

**WHEREAS** the Georgia State University administration has already taken serious measures to make our campus safer and arming students with firearms is neither a pressing need nor a decision that would necessarily solve robberies on campus.

**WHEREAS** the Atlanta Campus of Georgia State University Student Government Association

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<sup>1</sup> Turner, James C. *Leading Causes of Mortality among American College Students at 4-year Institutions*. Rep. American Public Health Association, 2 Nov. 2011. Web. 31 Jan. 2015. <<https://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/Paper241696.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> Drum, David J., Chris Brownson, Adryon Burton Denmark, and Shanna E. Smith. "New Data on the Nature of Suicidal Crises in College Students: Shifting the Paradigm." *Professional Psychology* 40.3 (2009): 213-22. *Suicide Prevention*

<sup>3</sup> Dahlberg, Linda L., Robin M. Ikeda, and Marcie-jo Kresnow. "Guns in the Home and Risk of a Violent Death in the Home: Findings from a National Study." *American Journal of Epidemiology* 160.10 (2004): n. pag. *Oxford Journals*. Oxford University Press. Web. 31 Jan. 2015. <<http://aje.oxfordjournals.org/content/160/10/929.full>>.



opposes any actions pursued by the legislature to legally allow non-law enforcement officials the ability to possess concealed handguns on our campus, **NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATLANTA CAMPUS STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT**

**Section 1:** This legislation shall be known as the “Opposition to Campus Carry Resolution”.

**Section 2:** Campus carry would generate several new issues for Georgia State University Police Department at the Atlanta campus such as having to deal with handgun thefts on campus, the potential increase in handgun-related robberies or deaths and the lack of law enforcement training of students potentially acting in self-defense with a firearm in the event of a campus shooting or robbery.

**Section 3:** The potential issues mentioned above could be avoided by continuing to outlaw concealed handguns on college campuses.

**Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

**Section 5:** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Hank Huckaby, Chancellor of The University System of Georgia; Dr. Mark Becker, President of Georgia State University; Mr. Nathan Deal, Governor of the State of Georgia; Mr. Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia; Mr. David Ralston, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives; Mr. Sam Olens, Attorney General of the State of Georgia; Jeff Mullis, State Senate Rules Committee Chairman; Mr. John Meadows, State House Rules Committee Chairman; Dr. Darryll Holloman, Dean of Students and Dr. Douglas Covey, Vice President for Student Affairs.

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