



L.A. Care Health Plan Board of Governors Resolution Calling for Gun Safety Legislation

Whereas, L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest publicly operated health plan, is committed to advancing health equity, ensuring everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible;

Whereas, gun violence is a major public health crisis throughout the U.S. and must be addressed through a comprehensive public health approach;

Whereas, gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the U.S.;

Whereas, this year, as of June 2, 2022, there have been 233 mass shootings in the U.S.;

Whereas, L.A. Care is horrified at the wanton loss of life in Buffalo, NY, Laguna Woods, CA, Uvalde, TX, Tulsa, OK, and so many other cities;

Whereas, L.A. Care recognizes a comprehensive public health approach to gun violence must include gun safety legislation and access to mental health services;

Whereas, L.A. Care is committed to promoting mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, and recognizes more equitable resources are needed;

Whereas, L.A. Care supports the recruitment of new psychiatrists into the Los Angeles County safety net through its Elevating the Safety Net initiative;

Be it Resolved, that L.A. Care will strongly advocate for more effective state and federal gun safety legislation, to protect the lives of Californians and all Americans by:

1. Supporting a ban on the sale of military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines;
2. Supporting background checks on all gun buyers; and,
3. Supporting additional funding and efforts to address mental health.

We do hereby rededicate our efforts to create a more just and healthy America.