



PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

RESOLUTION ON GUN VIOLENCE

Whereas gun violence has become a human rights crisis, on average 123 people in the U.S. are killed with firearms *every day* and;

Whereas, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and youth in the U.S. The gun violence these children experience will have long-lasting impacts and;

Whereas, gun violence disproportionately affects Black and brown communities nationwide. According to government data, more than half of all gun homicides in the U.S. in 2019 were Black men. Despite making up just 14.7% of the U.S. population, Black people in the U.S. represented almost 60% of all gun homicide deaths in 2019;

Whereas, research indicates that sustained funding for evidence-based projects, tailored for specific local contexts, and working in partnership with the affected communities, can achieve significant and long-lasting reduction in firearm violence. There are community organizations working to curb gun violence, working in communities across the country from hospital intervention;

Therefore, be it resolved that Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) in partnership with Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) will work to reduce gun violence in communities across the country while advocating for the passage of federal legislation that includes Ethan's Law, Assault Weapon Ban and the Break the Cycle of Violence Act.

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