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Subject: **Firearm Violence**
Referred To: NHMS House of Delegates

WHEREAS, That a recent edition of JAMA focusing on the public health issues of firearm violence, noted that:

47% of 11th grade males in Seattle have reported gun ownership and 33% of the teen gun owners reported having fired the gun at another individual;

Firearm homicide is now the second leading cause of death among teenagers, but is the leading cause of death among both white and black teenage boys;

One million U.S. inhabitants die prematurely each year as a result of homicide or suicide;

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among children and adolescents in the U.S., with the rate of suicide having doubled in the past 30 years, all of this attributable to firearm use.

RESOLVED; That the New Hampshire Medical Society, due to concern on the public health issues of misuse of firearms support, legislative efforts to prevent handgun and other firearm violence through education, regulation, and other appropriate measures.

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