

**Resolution in Support of Reducing Gun Violence and Mental Health Support for
Adolescents**

WHEREAS, Adolescents (those aged 10-19) are disproportionately affected by gun violence, which has significant adverse effects on their health, safety, and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Mental health issues and unresolved conflicts are contributing factors to the prevalence of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for targeted mental health services (including counseling, therapy, psychiatric services, and peer support groups) and conflict resolution programs (specifically those that teach skills in negotiation, mediation, and non-violent communication to resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health therapies such as One-on-One sessions with licensed therapists, Family Therapy and Community Engagement that implements community-based interventions are proven to lead to positive health outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (NOBEL) Women support the reduction of gun violence and mental health support for adolescents through community engagement, conflict resolution, and educational initiatives.