

**DEMAND FOR A FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE SURRENDER OF
FIREARMS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH PROTECTIVE/RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST
THEM**

WHEREAS, 62% of U.S. female homicide victims are killed by current or former intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, most intimate partner homicides are committed with firearms; and

WHEREAS, abusers' access to firearms increases the risk of intimate partner homicides at least five-fold; and

WHEREAS, when firearms have been used in the most severe abuse incidents, the risk of homicide increases 41-fold; and

WHEREAS, firearms are used in nearly 60% of bias-motivated homicides against LGBTQIA+ people; and

WHEREAS, in 11% of rape and sexual assault incidents, the perpetrator used a weapon; and

WHEREAS, eliminating violence against women, LGBTQIA+ people, and other marginalized groups is among National Organization for Women's (NOW's) core values;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that perpetrators of domestic/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, assault and battery, stalking, or/and coercive control should not have access to firearms in any U.S. state or territory; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NOW calls for a new federal law requiring the immediate surrender of firearms by all individuals with protective/restraining orders issued against them.