

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)
EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, half of female victims of homicide are murdered by a current or former intimate partner and with a firearm; and

WHEREAS, women who live in a home with an abusive partner with a firearm are at five times higher risk for femicide; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that domestic violence is highly associated with murder suicides that increases family trauma; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that history of domestic violence is associated with 54% of mass shootings that increases community trauma; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the most frequently used weapon to murder transgender people as three out of four are killed by firearms in America; and

WHEREAS, firearms were used in nearly 60% of bias-motivated homicides of LGBTQIA persons; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that firearm relinquishment in domestic violence restraining orders reduced the rates of domestic violence related homicide; and

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

WHEREAS, Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOS) are reasonable regulations of firearms that do not infringe on an individual's second amendment rights and allow for a temporary removal of firearms from individuals that are in crisis or are at high risk of causing harm to themselves or others;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that individuals who pose significant risk of harm to themselves or others should not have access to firearms in any U.S. state or territory; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NOW calls for every state to enact an Extreme Risk Protective Order law as well as appropriate federal and state funding for law enforcement, judicial, and community education and training for implementation of ERPO policy.