

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-AL-06

1 **[Safe Storage for Firearms Resolution]**

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District and all San**
4 **Francisco schools to share safe firearm storage information with families**
5 **annually.**

6 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national crisis and disproportionately affects youth and
7 young adults; and,

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9 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens in the
10 United States, recently overtaking traffic incidents (per the [Children's Defense Fund](#)); and,

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12 WHEREAS, On average, every year in the United States, nearly 350 children ages 17
13 and under gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else,
14 and, on average, every year nearly 700 children, 17 and under, die by suicide with a firearm
15 (per [Everytown Research](#)); and,

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17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to the national gun violence epidemic, as our
18 communities have seen a [dramatic increase in gun violence](#) within the past year; and,

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20 WHEREAS, [Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence](#),
21 experiencing 10 times the gun homicides, 18 times the gun assault injuries, and nearly 3
22 times the fatal police shootings of white Americans; and,

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24 WHEREAS, [BIPOC \(Black, Indigenous, and People of Color\) children and teens are 4](#)
25 [times more likely to die from gun violence than their white peers](#); and,

1 WHEREAS, The high school shooting in Oxford, Michigan on November 30, 2021, in
2 which the [alleged shooter was able to access the firearm used because it was not securely](#)
3 [stored](#), highlights the importance of safe storage of weapons for families; and,

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5 WHEREAS, Most school shootings are [committed using a firearm a student accessed](#)
6 [at home](#) or at the home of a close relative; and,

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8 WHEREAS, [Firearm purchases](#), and therefore homes with firearms, [have increased](#)
9 [since the the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in the United States; and,

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11 WHEREAS, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential
12 component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe; and,

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14 WHEREAS, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with
15 up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and
16 teens; and,

17 WHEREAS, Keeping students, educators, and staff safe is the responsibility of all adult
18 stakeholders at every school site; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco law ([San Francisco Police Code § 4512](#)) and California law
20 ([California Penal Code § 25100](#)) requires that firearms are securely stored so that minors
21 cannot gain access to them; and,

22 WHEREAS, The [California State Superintendent](#) has urged school districts to send
23 secure gun storage information to parents and families; and,

24 WHEREAS, the “[Be SMART](#)” campaign (Secure, Model, Ask, Recognize, Tell) is a
25 nationwide campaign from Everytown for Gun Safety promoting safe firearm storage, which

1 emphasizes that it's an adult responsibility to stop kids from accessing guns, and that every
2 adult can play a role in keeping youth and communities safer; and; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission calls on all San Francisco
4 schools, including the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), parochial schools,
5 charter schools, private schools, and other independent schools, to share information to
6 families that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect
7 minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That SFUSD and parochial schools, charter schools, private
9 schools, and other independent schools use the "Be SMART" campaign from Everytown for
10 Gun Safety as a foundation to begin the implementation and include it in the annual
11 registration materials at each school site, and requiring a signature acknowledging awareness
12 of secure gun storage responsibilities; and,

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission calls on all San
14 Francisco schools, including SFUSD, parochial schools, and other independent schools, to
15 update their Student Handbooks to include information about parents' legal obligations
16 regarding the secure storage of firearms (the "Be SMART" campaign from Everytown for Gun
17 Safety can be used for reference/resources).