

RESOLUTION
CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE
OPPOSITION TO CONCEALED AND OPEN CARRY FIREARMS
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER CAMPUSES

WHEREAS, gun violence at educational institutions around the nation, including on the campuses of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Savannah State University, Texas Southern University and Umpqua Community College, has resulted in the death of many innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Henry issued Executive Order 2007-17 within days of the April 16, 2007 tragedy on the Virginia Tech campus to create the Campus Life and Safety and Security (CLASS) Task Force and issued Executive Order 2008-8 on February 12, 2008 to extend the activities of the CLASS Task Force, which made recommendations to improve security and safety on Oklahoma's higher education and technology center campuses culminating in a final report in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, recognizing the need to continue the important work of the CLASS Task Force, established the Campus Safety and Security Task Force in January 2013 to monitor and respond to safety and security policies, advocate prudent safety policies, and promote implementation of campus safety best practices, among other priorities; and

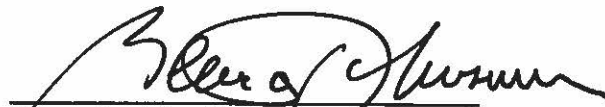
WHEREAS, numerous higher education professional associations, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, American College Personnel Association, National Association for Campus Activities, National Orientation Directors Association, Association for Student Conduct Administration, and other nationally respected organizations have voiced unanimous opposition to concealed carry of firearms on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators has stated its opposition to concealed weapons on university campuses, asserted that there is no credible evidence to suggest that concealed weapons on campus will make campuses safer, and outlined grave concerns regarding the potential for accidental discharge or misuse of firearms, as well as the possibility that law enforcement responders may be unable to distinguish an active shooter from others with firearms; and

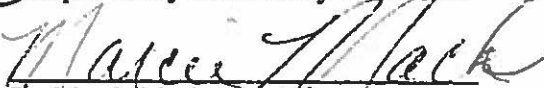
WHEREAS, Oklahoma higher education does not oppose the second amendment or gun ownership, but any proposed legislation that would change current law regarding weapons on Oklahoma's higher education and technology center campuses is vigorously opposed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Chancellor, the Campus Safety and Security Task Force, the presidents of all 25 state system institutions, and the superintendents of all 29 technology centers, who believe there is no scenario where allowing guns on campuses will do anything other than create a more dangerous environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Safety and Security Task Force respectfully requests that all necessary actions be taken by the Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the potentially tragic unforeseen circumstances that could occur as a result of any bill that would change the current law regarding open or concealed carry of firearms on higher education or technology center campuses.

Approved this 21ST day of MARCH, 2017.



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