RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMON SENSE SAFEGUARDS TO
REDUCE THE THREAT OF TERRORISM AND MASS KILLINGS

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WHEREAS, OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates continues to strive toward fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, OCA supports the right and expectation that all are free to live their lives free from the threat of harm from terrorism and mass killings; and,

WHEREAS, OCA asserts that it is imperative that the U.S. government discuss, debate, compromise where needed to reach consensus upon common sense safeguards to prevent and reduce gun violence and terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, OCA supports the adoption, implementation and enforcement of common sense safeguards that increase the safety of all individuals; and,

WHEREAS, OCA acknowledges that unfettered access to firearms leads to more gun violence which disproportionately affects communities of color1; and,

WHEREAS, Several gathering spaces where Asian American Pacific Islander communities live, work, congregate, and study have been sites of mass killings234; and,

WHEREAS, OCA recognizes that an overwhelming majority of Asian Americans5 support stricter gun laws; and,

WHEREAS, In 2015, 13,438 individuals died of gun violence67; and,

WHEREAS, In the same year, there were 332 mass shootings89; and,

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7 The reported number does not include death by suicide.
8 Id at 6.
9 A mass shooting is defined as a shooting involving 4 or more victims.