

RESOLUTION

Subject: Gun Violence Prevention – Prevention of Suicide with Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag Laws)

Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, in Kentucky, 68% of gun-related deaths are due to suicide¹; and
 WHEREAS, in Kentucky, the rate of gun deaths has increased 32% between 2009 and 2018¹; and

WHEREAS, prevalence of suicide by race in Kentucky is 93% white and 5% Black, disproportionately involving white males²; and

WHEREAS, Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag Laws) prevent one suicide for every ten orders issued³, and there is a 7.5% to 14% decrease in firearm suicides without a corresponding rise in non-firearm suicides in states where such legislation exists³; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA support legislation that promotes the implementation of extreme risk protection orders to reduce the impact of firearm-related deaths; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA collaborate with the Whitney Strong Organization in support of the bipartisan bill Crisis Aversion and Rights Retention (CARR), which allows for the temporary transfer of firearms away from people on the brink of crisis.⁴

References:

- 1 <https://maps.everytownresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Every-State-Fact-Sheet-2.0-042720-Kentucky.pdf>
- 2 Murphy, A., Daniels, L. (2023). Kentucky Intentional Firearm Injury-Related Deaths, Emergency Department Visits, and Inpatient Hospitalizations, 2019–2022. Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. (KIPRC)
- 3 <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/law/extreme-risk-law/>
- 4 <https://www.whitneystrong.org/carr-2023>