

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 277

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Supports Governor's call to reconvene "States for Gun Safety" Summit and calls for summit to reconvene as soon as it is safe for participants to attend.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** supporting the Governor’s call to
2 reconvene the “States for Gun Safety” Summit and calling for
3 the summit to be reconvened as soon as it is safe for participants
4 to attend.

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6 **WHEREAS**, While New Jersey has the sixth-lowest gun death rate in
7 the nation, more than 400 New Jersey residents are still killed with
8 a gun each year, according to the Giffords Law Center; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on
10 communities of color and exposure to gun violence can cause
11 lasting trauma in young people, according to the Giffords Law
12 Center; and

13 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey was poised to host a multi-state summit in
14 Newark in 2020 on gun safety issues; and

15 **WHEREAS**, This summit was a first of its kind event organized by a
16 coalition of states that formed three years ago in response to
17 persistent inaction on gun control at the federal level; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The multi-state effort has involved sharing of data among
19 the member states, including the exchange of information about
20 illegal trafficking and persons disqualified from owning firearms;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, The summit was expected to draw governors and officials
23 from New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New
24 York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and the Commonwealth of
25 Puerto Rico, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, Governor Murphy is commended for calling the “States for
28 Gun Safety” Summit in an effort to reduce the epidemic of gun
29 violence; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The summit should be reconvened as soon as it is safe for
31 participants to attend, taking into consideration the COVID-19
32 pandemic; now, therefore,

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
35 *Jersey:*

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37 1. This House supports Governor Murphy’s call to reconvene
38 the “States for Gun Safety” Summit and calls for the summit to be
39 reconvened as soon as it is safe for participants to attend, taking
40 into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic.

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42 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
43 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
44 Governor of New Jersey.

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47 **STATEMENT**

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