Resolution on Child Firearms Safety

WHEREAS, our children regularly face situations in the home, and in other children’s homes, that could place them in potential danger if they are ignorant of the hazards; and

WHEREAS, these hazards are many and serious, among them: unsupervised swimming pools, power tools, household chemicals, and electrical appliances; and

WHEREAS, parents and educators across the country realize that children should be taught responsible ways to deal with potentially hazardous household objects and situations; and

WHEREAS, education programs for our children on these common hazards should be available in schools and, in fact, programs such as bicycle safety, fire safety, and traffic safety are already integrated into many schools’ curricula; and

WHEREAS, seventy million law-abiding Americans own and keep firearms in their homes and unsupervised children may encounter these firearms; and

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WHEREAS, the NRA is recognized widely as the authority in teaching gun safety and marksmanship, having trained millions of Americans through training and marksmanship courses, Police Athletic Leagues, gun clubs, scout troops, 4-H programs and American Legion posts for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, the NRA Gun Safety Program was developed by educators to present a balanced, factual message, and neither encourages nor discourages gun ownership; and

WHEREAS, the NRA Gun Safety Program has been endorsed by educators and law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, teachers and police departments in 42 states already have implemented the NRA Gun Safety Program in some elementary schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council endorses the NRA Gun Safety Program and recommends that state and local education officials implement this worthwhile program in the schools as soon as possible.
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