

Resolution of the University of South Florida Faculty Senate in opposition to legislation allowing concealed weapons to be carried by permit holders on university campuses

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of the University of South Florida (USF) is the primary faculty advisory body on matters pertaining to the welfare of the university; and

Whereas, the USF Faculty Senate is concerned about the safety and welfare of all members of the USF community, and aims to maintain a welcoming campus community; and

Whereas, universities are sanctuaries for scholarship and learning, where firearms have traditionally not been allowed, dating back to the founding of the University of Virginia in 1824 by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison; and

Whereas, university students are often just beginning to learn how to cope with the stresses of campus life and the transition to adulthood; and

Whereas, “the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited”¹; and

Whereas, the presence of concealed weapons on campus has not proven effective at preventing

²Webster D, et al. (2016) *Firearms on College Campuses: Research Evidence and Policy Implications*. Baltimore, MD: Center for Gun Policy and Research, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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