

**RESOLUTION**  
CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE  
OPPOSITION TO CHANGING CURRENT LAW PERTAINING TO WEAPONS  
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER CAMPUSES

**WHEREAS**, gun violence at institutions of higher education and technology centers across the nation has resulted in the injury and death of many innocent victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the mental health of our students, faculty, and staff remains a top priority, and most suicides involve firearms, and measures that limit access to lethal weapons increase protection for individuals at risk of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education established the Campus Safety and Security Task Force in January 2013 to monitor and respond to safety and security policies, advocate prudent safety policies, and promote implementation of campus safety best practices on higher education and technology center campuses, among other priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous higher education professional associations, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, American College Personnel Association, National Behavioral Intervention Team Association, and Association for Student Conduct Administration, have voiced opposition to concealed carry of weapons on campuses; and

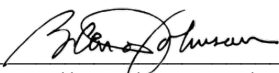
**WHEREAS**, college and university police forces, campus safety personnel, and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators have voiced opposition to concealed carry of weapons on campuses; and

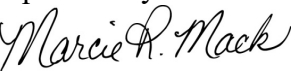
**WHEREAS**, under current law, Oklahoma campus presidents and technology center administrators have the discretion to authorize who may carry weapons on campus when individual circumstances warrant it, and the current law is working; and

**WHEREAS**, any proposed legislation that would change the current law regarding weapons on Oklahoma's higher education and technology center campuses is vigorously opposed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Chancellor, the Campus Safety and Security Task Force, the presidents of all 25 state higher education system institutions, the State Director of CareerTech, and the superintendents of all 29 technology centers;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Campus Safety and Security Task Force respectfully requests that all necessary actions be taken by the Oklahoma Legislature to maintain the current law regarding weapons on higher education and technology center campuses.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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