

PROCLAMATION - MAR 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018  
MARINER HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the scourge of perpetual gun violence in our schools and communities is increasing in frequency and barbarity and too many innocents are losing their lives;

WHEREAS, students and adults in our schools are inhumanely forced to wait daily and wonder when and where the next mass shooting will take place;

WHEREAS, our students have been deprived of their humanity and physical safety in the hallways, classrooms, theaters, and gyms that are intended to educate and inculcate citizenship;

WHEREAS, our nation is desensitized to horrific violence--from places of worship, to concerts, to schools--no place is immune from mass shootings, and we sadly accept these actions as normal and resign ourselves to await the next mass murder;

WHEREAS, our schools routinely deal with threats of gun violence, and we must practice responses for active school shootings because they are commonplace;

WHEREAS, a parent should not have to fear for their child's life when they leave the house to attend school each morning;

WHEREAS, teachers should not have the additional burden of having to sacrifice their own lives to save their students;

WHEREAS, our students' lives in this community have been and continue to be shattered by guns;

WHEREAS, our students deserve the highest quality of mental health care, but to deny that the true cause of this carnage is the easy access and availability of weapons of war is false reasoning;

WHEREAS, other nations have swiftly dealt with this problem rationally and proactively and have dramatically reduced their mass shootings;

WHEREAS, proposals to put more guns into schools and in the hands of educators will neither solve the problem nor reduce the epidemic of gun violence;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has made no tangible progress in addressing gun violence because they are more beholden to the gun lobby than the safety of our students and families;  
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we demand that the Washington State Legislature ban assault-style weapons and high capacity magazines, implement more extensive background checks with waiting periods, and raise the age to purchase guns to 21.