

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-FIFTH SENATE  
SEVENTEENTH SESSION  
January 27, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #4513  
In Memoriam**

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COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Internal Affairs Committee

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ABSTRACT: This resolution conveys the feelings of the Associated Students of Colorado State University towards the loss of life from mass shootings, to show solidarity with the families of the victims, and to encourage the start of a productive and responsible dialogue regarding how to avert such tragedies in the future.

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**WHEREAS**

There have been 355 mass shootings in 338 days in 2015 in the United States (Denver Post, 2015).

**WHEREAS**

Mass shootings are defined as the shooting of four (4) or more people with fatal or non-fatal injuries; and,

**WHEREAS**

These mass shootings have killed 462 people, and wounded 1314 others in 47 separate States (NPR, 2015). In 2015 there have been 52,740 total verified shooting incidents (Gun Violence Archive, 2016) leaving a total of 13,359 deaths and 26,952 injuries. According to the same

source, this is an increase from the previous year when there was a total number of 51,786 incidents; and,

**WHEREAS**

This issue has affected many communities and families and these effects have been felt throughout the nation. As politically charged the issue is, a conversation must happen in order to understand and begin to address this problem in a responsible way; and,

**WHEREAS**

Students and many others on campus may start having reservations and negative perceptions about the campus in regards to safety. Therefore, this issue of gun violence generates a conversation that should be promoted; and,

**WHEREAS**

The leaders of the city and state, such as members of the Colorado General Assembly and city council members, are interested in this discussion about gun violence; so

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**

We, the Associated Students of Colorado State University, in order to better represent our constituents, condemn such acts of violence, and express our sincere condolences to the families and communities affected by these acts, and hereby call for a productive and responsible public conversation to propose and develop methods to avert such tragedies from taking place in the future; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That this conversation shall be held in a nonpartisan and professional manner. This conversation shall further seek solutions, including but not limited to the implementation of policy and protocol, of which the end goal is the protection of the loss of life by means of gun violence; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That this issue be addressed and organized by the External Committee, and charge them with formulating this discussion at their discretion; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Laura Giles, Director of Residence Live; Bruce Mann, Assistant Director SLiCE; Wade Troxell, Mayor City of Ft. Collins; Sarah Kane - Executive Administrative Assistant; Erin Douglas, Collegian; Jody Donovan - Dean of Students; Jeannie Ortega, Director of Off-Campus Life; Conner Jackson -

Director of Health; Mary Ontiveros, Vice President of Diversity; Dr. Martin Carcisson, Head of the Center for Public Deliberation; Phoenix Duggar, Vice President ASCSU; and Jason Sydoriak, President ASCSU.

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