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RESOLUTION - Enactment of the Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act

Whereas:

- The National Catholic Student Coalition is committed to participating actively in the Roman Catholic Church and to representing U.S. Catholic Students in national and international forums;
- NCSC stands firmly against all attacks upon the dignity and inherent worth of all human life;
- NCSC recalls the 1995 statement, "Confronting a Culture of Violence," of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in which was written, "Violence in our culture is fed by multiple forces - the disintegration of family life, the availability of so many weapons, and the rise of gangs and increasing youth violence."
- Deaths by guns happen too frequently and with greater viciousness toward youth in our society;
- There are steps for a solution in the Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act of 1999;
- The tragedies in Littleton, Colorado and Edinboro, Pennsylvania have taught us how much closer gun violence is to people than ever before;
- The matter is in gridlock in the US Congress over this matter at this time;

Therefore, we, the members of the National Catholic Student Coalition, assembled in conference in Albuquerque, NM, this second day of January, 2000, do hereby call upon our elected officials to enact into law the Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act of 1999.

Sponsored by: Tom Stidman, Towson University, Northeast Regional Team

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