

Resolution H-185
Commending Safe Gun Storage

Submitted by the Diocese of Missouri's GC81 Deputation

The following has been forwarded to Dioceses per Resolution 2024-B004 of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri commend safe gun storage practices and support safety counseling that can prevent suicides, homicides, and unintentional gun deaths and firearm injuries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri and its congregations be encouraged to distribute to members of their congregations and communities information and materials that promote the safe storage of all firearms; and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri urge federal, state, and local officials to support Ethan's Law and other legislation and policies that would create federal, state, and local incentives and requirements for safe gun storage; and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri urge federal, state, and local officials to support legislation and policies that prevent children from having access to guns and impose penalties on adults who allow unsecured guns to be accessed by children; and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri commend legislation and policies that offer gun owners a secure place to store firearms in times of crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocese of Missouri, its congregations and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for increased education and funding for safe storage practices, legislation, and policies.

Explanation:

The original text of Resolution 2024-B004 which was Concurred (passed by the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops) is as follows:

Resolution Text

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Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend legislation and policies that offer gun owners a secure place to store firearms in times of crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, Episcopal Public Policy Network, dioceses, congregations, and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for increased education and funding for safe storage practices, legislation, and policies.