



**GEORGIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION**

**WEAPONS AT OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Public Health Association is concerned about the health and welfare of our members and guests;

**WHEREAS**, deaths and injuries from intentional shootings is recognized as a public health epidemic that calls for preventative actions by Public Health leaders during called and non-called meetings to reduce this threat to community health, well-being and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, deaths and gunshot wounds, including associated psychological scars, from both intentional and unintentional shootings need to be prevented as much as possible;

**WHEREAS**, workplaces and meeting places should be as safe as possible from gun violence, in order for professional meetings and discussions to openly and freely occur;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** Effective April 14, 2015, it is the policy of the Georgia Public Health Association that all activities and events (examples of events: meetings, potluck events, catered events, community-sponsored events, health fairs, etc.) sponsored or supported by this organization will always be considered a gun-free environment for members, non-members and visitors, regardless of the establishment's policy in which the event is conducted:

- **Promoting a gun-free environment:**

**Definition of a gun:** For the purposes of this document, a gun is identified as any revolver, semi-automatic, single or multi-shot handgun, pocket pistol, rifle (or any variation) or shotgun (or any variation) carried on the body in a holster, sling, pocket of clothing/outwear, or in a book bag, purse, computer bag, luggage or carrying/stroller device.

**Signage:** Easily viewable signage will be posted at the entrance and throughout the meeting area, identifying it as a gun-free zone.

**Individuals with weapons-**Individuals visibly carrying/exposing a gun will be asked to return their weapon to their vehicle or hotel room, if the meeting is located in a hotel. This is applicable to any non-post certified law enforcement official, regardless of state recognized licensure to carry a concealed weapon (gun).

Approved by GPHA Membership on: 14 April 2015

GPHA President: [Signature]