**Resolution in Support of the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) Defense of the Second Amendment Rights**

A Resolution submitted to the LAGOP Resolutions Committee

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WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Louisiana (LAGOP) is committed to defend and promote the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as memorialized in the Platform of the Republican Party, for all law- abiding Americans and Permanent Resident Aliens;

WHEREAS, there are more than 130,000,000 firearms owners in the United States, many of

Whom vote for candidates who support the Platform plank of Second Amendment rights;

WHEREAS, Democrats exploit and weaponize horrific mass murders to diminish and systematically destroy our Second Amendment rights through introducing more gun-control legislation;

WHEREAS, Democrat policies of defunding the police, no cash bond, releasing criminals, and making lawful firearms purchasing more difficult and costly, have proven to significantly harm law abiding Americans, and especially minorities who want to protect their families in high crime areas;

WHEREAS, Leftists’ encouragement and financing of Antifa and BLM riots and violence in 2020 and 2021 was a major contributing factor to 13.8 million first time firearm owners determined to protect themselves and their families. Of the more than 22,000,000 firearms sold, 40% were female buyers, and firearm sales increased in minority communities such as - black (58%), Hispanic (49%), and Asian (43%);

WHEREAS, founded in 1871, the NRA is the largest and longest-serving civil rights and firearms

programs organization in the United States;

WHEREAS, the NRA has led the growth of Second Amendment freedom with 42 “shall-issue” carry permit states, including 25 Constitutional Carry states. The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision in June may likely make all states “shall-issue”;

WHEREAS, the NRA got the only three Second Amendment cases in recent history to SCOTUS –

Heller, McDonald, and the latest NYSRPA (NRA state affiliate) vs. Bruen. The SCOTUS just strikes

down New York “proper cause” gun-control law for concealed carry outside the home in a 6-3 vote;

WHEREAS, the NRA has been instrumental in preventing Biden’s promised semi-automatic rifle ban, national firearms registry, and “universal” background checks;

WHEREAS, in a continuing trend of government tyranny and censorship of First Amendment rights against conservative, right-leaning, and freedom-loving organizations, the NRA successfully prevented the left from dissolving the Association;

WHEREAS, the NRA’s 125,000 certified firearms instructors, including 10,000 NRA Certified Law

Enforcement Firearms Instructors and 4,000 school and club shooting sports coaches, provide 50-stateaccepted, best-in-business firearms safety, education, and training to over 1,000,000 Americans each year;

WHEREAS, NRA’s award-winning Eddie Eagle gun safety program for youth – “Stop. Don’t touch. Run away. Tell a Grown up” – has been presented to over 33,000,000 children;

WHEREAS, the NRA School Shield program was introduced in December 2012 as a new initiative

focused on improving school security in an effort to help prevent national tragedies;

therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Louisiana (LAGOP) supports the NRA’s balanced and logic-based approach to promote programs to protect our children and all other innocent victims of violent crimes while not infringing on the rights of the law-abiding citizens to own firearms;

RESOLVED, That the LAGOP supports the NRA’s call for the Federal Government to properly spend appropriated federal funds intended for enhanced public safety measures such as the NRA School Shield program that would improve safety for every school in America;

RESOLVED, That the LAGOP supports the NRA’s call for an infusion of resources to address mental health issues across Louisiana and the entire nation;

RESOLVED, That the LAGOP supports the NRA’s call for providing law enforcement with increased resources and support;

RESOLVED, The LAGOP supports getting tough on gun crime based on existing gun laws. The full weight of our law enforcement community must confront and arrest the criminals who commit acts of violence; and prosecutors must hold these criminals accountable for their crimes;

RESOLVED, The LAGOP reaffirms our opposition to any further restrictions on the rights of law-abiding Americans to own, carry, and use the firearm of their choosing.

Respectfully submitted by,

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