WHEREAS the 60th Session Senate of the Student Government Association is compelled to address the largest mass shooting in America which occurred on October 1st, 2017 in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing 58 people and injuring over 500 more; and

WHEREAS recently, the Kansas state government passed a law authorizing concealed carry on university campuses across the state starting on July 1st, 2017; and

WHEREAS the 59th Session of Student Government Association voted on a resolution opposing campus concealed carry with 27 in favor, 4 against, and 2 abstentions; and

WHEREAS Senators of the 60th session are equally concerned about the safety of WSU students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS 11,562 people have already been killed in 2017 due to gun violence meaning that an average of 42 people have been killed every day since January 1st, 2017 in the United States; and

WHEREAS Under Nevada law, an act of terrorism is defined as “any act that involves the use or attempted use of sabotage, coercion or violence which is intended to cause great bodily harm or death to the general population”; and

WHEREAS an act of domestic terrorism was committed taking innocent lives with an automatic weapon, a type of firearm that is highly regulated in the United States but is not uncommon to find at gun shows and firing ranges, including one near Las Vegas that allows customers to shoot military-grade weapons; and

WHEREAS automatic weapons can be legally owned if made before May 1986 and registered with the federal government, or if owned by licensed dealers; and

WHEREAS the recent change in legality of guns on campus does not infer that students should stand idly by as fellow Americans are murdered off-campus; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT students are encouraged to contact the University Police at 316-978-3450, utilize emergency phones located on campus, or download the Rave Guardian Mobile Safety App should they have concerns about their safety on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the culture of violence perpetuated in the act of domestic terrorism that occurred on the 1st of October, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada is not condoned by the Student Senate of Wichita State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of Wichita State University Student Government Association offers its deepest condolences to the families and victims of this act of domestic terrorism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect toJohn Bardo, President of the University; Calin Ostby President of the WSU Chapter of Students for Concealed Carry; Zachary Zalneraitis, Director of Public Relations for Students for Concealed Carry; Stuart Dedmon, Central Regional Director of Students for Concealed Carry; Jerry Moran, United States Senator from Kansas; Pat Roberts, United States Senator from Kansas; Ron Estes, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Kansas's 4th district; Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Member of the Kansas Senate from the 29th district; KC Ohaebosim, Member of the Kansas House of Representatives from the 89th district; Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas; Jeff Longwell, Mayor of Wichita; and the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University.

**APPROVED: 4th Day of October, 2017**

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