WHEREAS the 60th Session Senate of the Student Government Association is compelled to address the largest modern day mass shooting in America which occurred on October 1st, 2017 in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing at least 50 people and injuring over 500 more; and

WHEREAS Under Nevada law, NRS# 202.441-1A, defines an act of terrorism is 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 a modified semi-automatic weapon, 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 per the FBI 33 active shooter incidents have been perpetrated on various college campuses and schools around the country from 2000 through 2016 and

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

WHEREAS per the Kansas Board of Regents 2015 student survey, 57% of WSU students voted in favor of repealing the campus carry law and/or delay the law, 43% of WSU students voted in favor of the campus carry law; and

WHEREAS in this survey, 35% of Shockers reported they would be less likely to return to WSU due to gun safety concerns; and

WHEREAS the 60th Session of Student Senate believes student safety and comfort should be a high priority to ensure students can excel academically; so

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 senseless act of violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of the Wichita State University Student Government Association recognizes and commends the medical professionals, first responders, and heroic bystanders who acted in the wake of the tragedy on October 1st, 2017; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 60th Session of the Student Session encourages the University Police and Administration to review WSU policy with updated information from recent mass shootings to ensure the safety of students on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that University Police and Administration should make a priority of informing the student body, faculty, and staff the procedures of what to do in case of a shooting on campus; and

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 this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to John 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, the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University; and the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper.

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

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