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**WHEREAS** the use of firearms imposes a significant burden on the health of Canadians in terms of death, disabling injury and emotional trauma;

**WHEREAS** the development and implementation of injury control strategies is a public health mandate;

**WHEREAS** research has demonstrated that stringent regulation of firearms, including safe storage, helps to prevent hundreds of firearms-related deaths, injuries and emotional traumas;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** OPHA continue working with the Canadian Public Health Association, alPHa, the Coalition for Gun Control and the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASP) to advocate with the Federal government to preserve Canada's current Firearms Act, to advocate for public education, to promote the safe storage of all firearms, to ensure the law is supported by adequate resources, and to ensure that it is enforced effectively in communities;

**THAT** OPHA advocate that effective firearm regulation is part of the strategy for injury prevention, suicide prevention and domestic violence prevention; and

**THAT** OPHA continue to advocate with the provincial government for effective primary violence prevention strategies that are adequately resourced and implemented.

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