

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**Resolution Instruction Sheet**



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Simple Title of Resolution: Annual Firearm Flat Tax

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RESOLUTION

**70<sup>TH</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

INTRODUCED BY

A RESOLUTION

Resolution 17-006, making the addition of a flat tax on firearms bought, owned and registered in the state of New Mexico.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

**SECTION 1. The Legislature of the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State is informed that:**

**WHEREAS, an average of 91 Americans are killed with guns every day, our**

1 **community and nation have been repeatedly devastated by mass shootings and the**  
2 **daily toll of gun violence that**

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4 **claims more than 30,000 lives each year; and**

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6 **WHEREAS, in the last decade, 798 New Mexico residents were murdered**  
7 **with guns, a rate more than 50% higher than the national average; and**

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9 **WHEREAS, in the last decade, 2,020 New Mexico residents committed**  
10 **suicide with a firearm, a rate almost double the national average; and**

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12 **WHEREAS, over the last decade, New Mexico had the highest national**  
13 **statewide rate of law enforcement officers killed with a handgun that was not their**  
14 **own which is over 300% higher than the national**

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16 **average; and**

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18 **WHEREAS, though at this time there is little empirical evidence to indicate**  
19 **how taxation would influence firearm-related outcomes, such as violent crime,**  
20 **suicide, self-defense, or sales of firearms; and**

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22 **WHEREAS, to our knowledge, no rigorous evaluations of the causal effects**  
23 **of taxation policy on the gun industry have been reported; and**

1           **WHEREAS, several studies have examined the theoretical consequences**  
2 **of increasing the price of firearms, there exists little empirical evidence to inform**  
3 **whether taxation can be an effective policy measure**

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5           **to limit criminal or violent gun misuse; and**

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7           **WHEREAS, it is now necessary to impose a firearm taxation at the time of**  
8 **purchase and registration of a firearm in-order to determine the potential effect on**  
9 **gun violence; and**

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11           **WHEREAS, with the annual registration and flat tax on all firearms the**  
12 **revenue will go to the firearm safety, training, and education programs; and**

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14           **WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State supports common-**  
15 **sense policies that promote public safety in New Mexico while respecting the**  
16 **Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners.**

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18           **NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the American**  
19 **Legion Auxiliary Girls State:**

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21           **THAT the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State supports the New Mexico**  
22 **State Legislature enacting legislation which requires a firearm flat tax and**  
23 **registration at the time of the firearm purchase and/or resale.**

24           SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the

- 1 people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election
- 2 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

