Iowa City Community School District Public
Measure 1 Resolution

WHEREAS, Public Measure 1, “the gun amendment,” is on the midterm election ballot, and it reads:

Summary: Provides that the right of the people of Iowa to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes the right to keep and bear arms as a fundamental right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

Full Text: Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section: Right to keep and bear arms. Sec. 1A. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

WHEREAS, voting “yes” to Public Measure 1 supports incorporating the Second Amendment into the Iowa Constitution and requiring strict scrutiny for any alleged violations of the Second Amendment brought before a court;

WHEREAS, Iowans’ Second Amendment rights are already guaranteed by the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, Public Measure 1 is intended to make gun regulation more difficult by imposing a strict scrutiny standard on said regulation;

WHEREAS, Public Measure 1 strengthens legal leverage to overturn gun regulations in Iowa, including laws that prohibit felons and domestic abusers from possessing firearms;

WHEREAS, Public Measure 1 will make it more difficult for Iowa lawmakers to pass common sense gun legislation indefinitely;

WHEREAS, if Public Measure 1 passes, Iowa becomes one of four states to make it harder to regulate gun ownership (the other three, Louisiana, Alabama, and Missouri, are among five states with the highest rates of gun deaths in the United States);

WHEREAS, gun violence, including school shootings, has become more prevalent in American society;

WHEREAS, keeping students, teachers, and staff safe from the threat of gun violence is the responsibility of all adult stakeholders in the community;

WHEREAS, because the midterm election is November 8, 2022, we need voters to be informed about Public Measure 1, which threatens to undermine the safety of all Iowans;
NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Iowa City Community School District Board implores community stakeholders to vote “no” to Public Measure 1, the “gun amendment.”
Passed and approved this 18th day of October 2022.

Board President: 

Attest: 

Board Secretary: 