



**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HB 198: CONCEALED CARRY AMENDMENTS**

Whereas, According to the Journal of Adolescent Health, impulse control is among one of the last areas of the brain to be fully developed, and may not be developed until the mid-twenties<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, According to the Annals of Internal Medicine, women are three times more likely to be homicide victims and men are four times more likely to commit suicide when firearms are within reach<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, According to surveys, three-quarters of sexual violence is committed by people the victims know<sup>3</sup>; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah is opposed to HB 198: Concealed Carry Amendments, which would reduce the concealed carry permit age to 18.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2017

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2892678/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/01/111286/access-guns-increases-risk-suicide-homicide>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.rainn.org/statistics/perpetrators-sexual-violence>