

# Myth or Reality?

**Don't be fooled by popular myths — know the facts!**

## Myth 1

NEA advocates a gay/lesbian lifestyle

### **Truth:**

- There is no NEA mandated or suggested gay/lesbian celebration in NEA Resolutions or Bylaws.
- There is no encouragement from NEA toward any given "lifestyle."
- NEA believes that no student should be discriminated against because of his/her lifestyle.

### **NEA Resolution C-27**

"The National Education Association believes that all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, should be afforded equal opportunity within the public education system."

## Myth 2

NEA supports gun control

### **Truth:**

- NEA believes that the educational environment must be safe for students and school employees.

These places speak to the need for protection against guns.

Littleton, CO

Paducah, KY

Jonesboro, AR

Springfield, OR

Ebensburg, PA

Gary, IN

Santee, CA

Red Lake, MN

Las Vegas & Reno, NV

### **NEA Resolution I-27**

"The National Education Association believes that all students and education employees must be allowed to learn and work in an environment free of unauthorized guns and other deadly weapons."

## Myth 3

NEA supports abortion

### **Truth:**

- NEA has never expended funds to litigate an education employee's right to an abortion. NEA did represent an Illinois teacher who is an ex-nun. The teacher was dismissed from her position for immorality. She had been raped, became pregnant, and refused to terminate the pregnancy. NEA and the state affiliate won back her job and back pay.

### **NEA Resolution I-12**

"The National Education Association supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom."