

**TUSCOLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

125 W. Lincoln Street  
Suite 500  
Caro MI 48723

Telephone: 989-672-3700

Fax: 989-672-4011

---

**Resolution Declaring Tuscola County a Constitutional Second  
Amendment Sanctuary County  
2021-03**

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan held on 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Douglas DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Commissioner Vaughan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption with a second provided by Commissioner Grimshaw.

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to The Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of The Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Tuscola County citizens' individual rights; and

**WHEREAS**, each Tuscola County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support The Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution.

**WHEREAS**, a "Constitutional Sanctuary County" is defined as a place of refuge for the law abiding citizen in regards to the citizens' rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Tuscola, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Constitutional Sanctuary County."

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board affirms its support for the Tuscola County Sheriff and the Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to NOT enforce any statute or law

that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution against any law abiding citizen of Tuscola County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board will not authorize or appropriate funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the purposes of enforcing any law that restricts the rights of any law abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights which would be considered to be unconstitutional; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, law or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Kevin Daley, House Representative Phil Green, the other 82 counties in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Members Lisa McClain and Dan Kildee and U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: DuRussel, Grimshaw, Young, Vaughan, Bardwell

Those Commissioners voting against: None

This Resolution was declared adopted.



Thomas Bardwell

Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

As also signed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark E. Reese, Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney



Glen Skrent, Tuscola County Sheriff

*I, Jodi Fetting, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, the original of which is on file in the County Clerk Office. Public notice of such meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.*



Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk