

RESOLUTION

NO: 2023-04-063

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: April 24, 2023

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**Resolution by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners in Support of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution and the Michigan Constitution – Board of Commissioners**

**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 Livingston County citizens’ individual rights; and

**WHEREAS,** each Livingston 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; and

**WHEREAS,** a “Constitutional 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; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Livingston, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a “Constitutional County”; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board affirms its support for the Livingston County Sheriff and the Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney and acknowledges and respects their respective oaths of office. This board strongly encourages their utmost discretion in the exercise of their duties in enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board will not authorize or appropriate new funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purposes of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation 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; 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, statute, law, rule, order 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, Michigan Senators Lana Theis, Michigan House Representatives Ann Bollin, Robert Bezotte, Jennifer Conlin, Mike Mueller and the other 82 county board of commissions in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Representative Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow, the Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy, and the Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney David Reader and all county department directors.

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