

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 17, 2023

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT
OF THE US CONSTITUTION AND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

Introduced by Commissioner Droscha

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the U.S. 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 1, 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 Eaton County citizens’ individual rights; and

WHEREAS, each Eaton County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took such 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 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Eaton, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a “Constitutional County”, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this board affirms its support for the Eaton County Sheriff and the Eaton 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, 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 House Representatives Gina Johnsen and Angela Witwer, Michigan State Senator Sara Anthony, U.S. Representatives John Moolenaar and Alissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, all county department directors and all the other 82 county board of commissioners in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Nays: Commissioners Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey. Motion carried.

**COUNTY OF EATON)
STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS.**

I, Diana Bosworth, Clerk of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held on May 17, 2023 and is on file in the Eaton County Clerk's Office.

Dated: May 25, 2023

By  Deputy Clerk