

St. Joseph County
Resolution 8-2023

A resolution to oppose state of Michigan Senate Bills 76-86 or any similar bill in which the state restricts the individual right of us citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, the right of the people to keep and bear arms for defense of life, liberty, and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the people of St. Joseph County, Michigan;

Whereas, the people of St. Joseph County, Michigan, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within St. Joseph County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution;

Whereas, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, being elected to represent the people of St. Joseph County and being duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate, being elected by the people of the State of Michigan and being duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the Governor of Michigan, being elected to represent the people of the State of Michigan and being duly sworn by her oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, proposed legislation of any bills similar to, or under consideration by the Michigan State Legislature, would infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms of commonly owned firearms by the individual citizens of St. Joseph County, Michigan, and is a direct violation of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution.

Now therefore be it resolved by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners to hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority.

Be it further resolved that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners demands that the Michigan Legislature cease further actions restricting the rights of the people to keep and bear arms.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of St. Joseph County is hereby directed to deliver copies of this Resolution to all 82 County Clerks, Michigan Association of Counties, Representative Brad Paquette, Representative Steve Carra, Senator Jonathon Lindsey, and the Office of the Governor.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

I, LINDSAY OSWALD, Clerk of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on June 20, 2023.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Circuit Court at Centreville, Michigan, this 20th day of June 2023.



Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk