DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #23-04 REAFFIRMING DELTA COUNTY TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

WHEREAS the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan has been in the spotlight of public discussion of recent;

WHEREAS public discussion of such constitutional rights is a hallmark of public discourse in a democracy;

WHEREAS the government of the County of Delta has the authority to not fund activity, regulation and/or rules, which are in conflict with constitutional rights of individuals within the State of Michigan and the United States of America, law abiding citizens are guaranteed the right to keep and bear arms by their Creator. The County of Delta will not support financially any activity that attempts to reduce or strip a law-abiding citizen of their right to keep and bear arms:

WHEREAS the Delta County Commission has previously opined that the selective enforcement of constitutional laws, regulations and/or rules is in violation of the Constitution and Laws of both the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta on February 2, 2020 adopted a Resolution stating that Delta county Michigan is a second amendment sanctuary county,

WHEREAS all elected County Commissioners in the County of Delta Michigan take an oath of office pledging their support to the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan to faithfully discharge the duties of their offices;

WHEREAS the lawful ownership, possession and use of firearms is part of the cultural heritage within the County of Delta Michigan;

WHEREAS it is common for firearms to be family heirlooms that pass from generation to generation as a permanent connection of the past and to the present within extended families;

WHEREAS recent high-profile firearm shootings involved many individuals that have mental health issues the mental health systems nationwide failed to timely, appropriately and adequately provide services to such individuals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA** does support and will continue to honor the pledge to support the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including all amendments thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA** direct our legislators whom act as a representative of the People of the State of Michigan to:

- A. Not undertake or support legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment of the United States of America and Article 1.6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, including:
- 1. Red Flag Laws, excluding the present Personal Protection Order process;
- 2. Registration requirements of full or long firearms;
- 3. Mandatory storage schemes for firearms;
- 4. Additional limitations on the lawful ownership and use of firearms; and
- 5. Adoption of other schemes of regulation of firearms that infringe on the foregoing constitutional guarantees of the People of the State of Michigan
- B. Adhere to their oath of office and not adopt legislation, rules, regulations and/or requirements that conflict with the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and Article 1.6 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;
- C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all of our communities to provide for timely intervention with appropriate and adequate mental health services as an investment in the human capital of all persons of the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE**COUNTY OF DELTA directs its staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to:

- A. Each township in the County of Delta;
- B. Each city and village in the County of Delta;
- C. Each department head of the County of Delta;
- D. Each county in the State of Michigan;

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Viau, and supported by Commissioner Petersen.

A roll call vote was taken and this Resolution was passed by a vote of: 5:0.

Those Commissioners voting in favor of: Malnar, Viau, Barron, Peterson and Moyle.

Those Commissioners voting against: None.

Those Commissioners abstaining: None.

The Resolution Was Declared Adopted. June 06, 2023

David Moyle, Chair

Delta County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Nancy Przewrocki

Delta County Clerk