

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

RESOLUTION REGARDING SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

Resolution opposing the passage of any bill where the Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the Individual rights of US Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution:

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that “...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, Section 22 of Article 1 of the Illinois State Constitution declares that “Subject only to the police power, the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

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 Piatt County, Illinois, and:

WHEREAS, in 2008, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller held that the Second Amendment protects an individual’s right to keep and bear arms, for traditionally lawful purposes, independent of service in state militia, and in 2010 in McDonald v. City of Chicago, the United States Supreme Court opined that the right of an individual to keep and bear arms protected by the Second Amendment is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment and applies to State and local governments, as well as to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the People of Piatt County, Illinois, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Piatt County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution and;

WHEREAS, Piatt County Board, being elected to represent the People of Piatt County and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of Illinois, being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by your Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, routinely proposed legislation to and by the Illinois State Legislature would infringe the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines,

body armor now employed by individual citizens of Piatt County, Illinois, for defense of Life, Liberty and Property and would ban the possession and use of firearms now employed for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Piatt County, Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the People of Piatt County, Illinois, do 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 Piatt County Board demands that the Illinois General Assembly cease actions restricting the Right of the People to keep and bear arms, and hereby demand that the Governor of Illinois veto all such legislation which restricts the Right of the People to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Piatt County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to all members of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Office of the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Government of the State of Illinois shall infringe upon the inalienable rights granted by the Second Amendment, Piatt County shall become a “sanctuary county” for all firearms unconstitutionally prohibited by the government of the State of Illinois, in that, Piatt County will prohibit its employees from enforcing the unconstitutional actions of the state government.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED the ___ day of _____, 2020.

Ray Spencer, Chairman
Piatt County Board

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Harper, County Clerk
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Piatt
County Board