

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND
BEAR ARMS; ALSO, TO ADEQUATELY FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
HOUGHTON COUNTY RESOLUTION #23-10**

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America 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 Constitutional Republic;

WHEREAS, some individuals are of the belief that county government has the authority to not enforce duly adopted laws, regulations and/or rules, which are claimed to be in conflict with constitutional rights of individuals within the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, all elected county and state office holders take an oath of office under which the office holder supports the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan and to faithfully discharge the duties of such offices;

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

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

WHEREAS, funding for mental health services in the State of Michigan is woefully underfunded causing a failure to adequately provide services to persons of the State of Michigan whom are in need of mental health services; and

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 HOUGHTON COUNTY** 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 HOUGHTON COUNTY** direct our legislators whom act as representatives of the People of the State of Michigan to:

A. Not undertake legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment to 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 and Article 1 § 6 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;

C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all 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

D. Insure that the providing of adequately funded mental health services is accomplished by Methods that do not infringe on the statutory and constitutional rights of those in need of Mental health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if in exercise of discretion by the Office of Sheriff and Office of Prosecuting Attorney both of Houghton County, determine that a law has been adopted which may violate the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and any final judicial determinations thereto, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** supports the lawful exercise of discretion not to enforce an unconstitutional law against any law abiding person within Houghton County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOUGHTON COUNTY** directs its staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to:

- A. Each township in the County of Houghton;
- B. Each city and village in the County of Houghton;
- C. Each department head of the County of Houghton;
- D. Each county in the State of Michigan;
- E. The Michigan House of Representative;
- F. The Michigan Senate;
- G. The Governor of the State of Michigan

- H. Each United States Senator for the State of Michigan; and
- I. Each United States Congressman for the State of Michigan.

Approved by the Group of Concerned Citizens of Houghton County March 23, 2023.

A Motion was offered at a regular meeting of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2023.

Motion Moved By: Commissioner Keranen


Motion Supported By: Commissioner Britz

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Keranen, Britz, Tikkanen, Anderson (4).

No: Janssen (1).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



 Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
 Houghton County Board of Commissioners

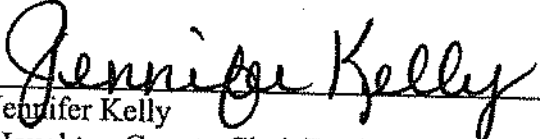
4-11-2023

 Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County of Houghton, Michigan at a meeting of its Board of Commissioners on the 11th day of April, 2023 the original of which Resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereinto affixed my official signature this 11th day of April, 2023.



 Jennifer Kelly
 Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds
 County of Houghton