

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**ALLEGAN COUNTY—SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of ALLEGAN, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of Allegan County, Michigan, and is organized as a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of ALLEGAN County and the employees of the ALLEGAN County government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, 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**, current United States Supreme Court case law has affirmed an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected with service in a militia and to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated to the States by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and that possession or use of a firearm that has some reasonable relationship to the preservation of a well-regulated militia is protected by the Second Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the provisions of the Michigan Constitution which protect ALLEGAN County citizens' individual rights to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, each ALLEGAN County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the ALLEGAN County Board of Commissioners, that the County of ALLEGAN, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County."

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board affirms its support for the ALLEGAN County Sheriff and the ALLEGAN County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board directs its staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's fellow county elected officials, the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan and all of the Michigan U.S. Congressmen.

(STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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(COUNTY OF ALLEGAN)

I, Bob Genetski, Clerk of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Allegan, do hereby Certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on February 27, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court in Allegan, Michigan, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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Bob Genetski, Clerk-Register