

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COUNTY OF EATON**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS  
AS SPELLED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES AND MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

Commissioner Piercefield moved to amend the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Roll call votes on amendments. Ayes: Piercefield, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Freeman, Brehler, Bowen, Deavers, Augustine. Nays: Mulder, Droscha, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Mott, Rogers.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF EATON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATES:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of EATON, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of EATON 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 EATON County and the employees of the EATON County government; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners have each taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; 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”.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that consistent with the oath of office taken by all public officers, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners supports the

constitutional right of the people to keep and bear arms and opposes any illegal seizure of firearms.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs its staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's fellow county elected officials, State Representatives Angela Witwer and Sarah Lightner, State Senator Tom Barrett, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Congressman Tim Walberg, and Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

This Resolution was adopted by the EATON County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the EATON County Board Chambers, EATON County Courthouse, EATON County, Michigan, by an affirmative vote of no less than eight (8) of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

A roll call vote was taken on this Resolution as amended passed by a vote of: 9-6.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: Piercefield, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Freeman, Brehler, Bowen, Deavers, Augustine.

Those Commissioners voting against: Mulder, Droscha, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Mott, Rogers.

Those Commissioners abstaining: None.

The Resolution Was Declared Adopted.

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman Eaton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Diana Bosworth, Eaton County Clerk