

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COUNTY OF MACKINAC**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MACKINAC COUNTY TO BE A**

**“SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY”**

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Mackinac, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of Mackinac 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 Mackinac County and the employees of the Mackinac 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, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S.570 (2008), 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

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed 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

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opinioned 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, 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, 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 Mackinac County citizens’ individual rights to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, each Mackinac 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.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Mackinac, 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 Mackinac County Sheriff and the Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law.

This Resolution was adopted by the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the Mackinac County Board Chambers, Mackinac County Courthouse, Mackinac County, Michigan, by an affirmative vote of no less than three of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 23rd day of January, 2020.

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Krause, and supported by Commissioner McPhee.

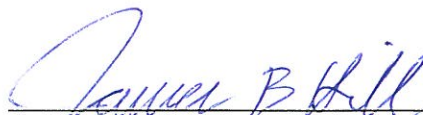
A roll call vote was taken and this Resolution was passed by a vote of: 5.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee,  
and Patrick


Those Commissioners voting against: None

Those Commissioners abstaining: None

The Resolution Was Declared Adopted.

  
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Jim Hill, Chairman  
Mackinac County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Lori Johnston  
Mackinac County Clerk