Resolution #2021-03

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF ANY BILL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that, "... the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed".

Resolution opposing the passage of any bill where Illinois General Assembly restricts the right of the people to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the Bill of Rights in Article I of the Illinois Constitution provides; Subject only to the police power, the right of the individual to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and;

WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed as an individual right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms for self-defense is regarded as an inalienable right of the people of Putnam County, Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the People of Putnam County, Illinois derive economic benefit from the recreational use of firearms; hunting, trapshooting, skeet shooting etc. using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Putnam County does hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the Illinois General Assembly cease further actions restricting the right of the people to keep and bear arms or actions which would require the surrender of previously authorized firearms and firearm paraphernalia, and hereby request that the Governor of Illinois veto all such legislation which restricts these rights as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Putnam County shall support the office of the Putnam County Sheriff and the Putnam County State's Attorney to uphold and enforce the sworn oath of office and duties as described under the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the United States Constitution.

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

PASSED THIS	8th	DAY OF	March	, 2021
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Charles Lenkaitis, Chairman Putnam County Board

ATTEST:

Daniel Kuhn, Putnam County Clerk