

## RESOLUTION 18 -47

Resolution opposing the passage of HB1465, HB1468, HB1469, SB1657, any trailer bill, or any bill similar to, or any bill where the 100<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly or those following desires to restrict the individual right of US Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United State's Constitution

**WHEREAS**, the right of the people to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United State's and under the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Right of the people to Keep and Bear Arms for the defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right of the people of Ford County, Illinois, and:

**WHEREAS**, the People of Ford County, Illinois derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms for recreation, hunting, and shooting in Ford County using all types of firearms allowable under the United State's Constitution, and;

**WHEREAS**, HB1465 is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution requiring responsible persons under 21 to surrender lawfully owned firearms or face becoming instant felons; fails to define how to relinquish firearms; only allows possession at a shooting complex, but fails to provide similar exemptions for recreational shooting at gun clubs, private ranges, or under the supervision of responsible adult or parent, unless certified as a firearms instructor;

**WHEREAS**, HB1467 is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution requiring persons to immediately relinquish lawfully owned bump stocks or trigger cranks, while also failing to provide where and how to relinquish firearms' devices, thus creating instant felons upon passage;

**WHEREAS**, HB1468 contains broad and unclear definitions which will cause confusion amongst firearm owners and dealers as to which type of firearm is subject to a 72 hour wait period; bans nonresidents from purchasing certain long guns defined loosely as assault weapons, puts dealers in jeopardy of unknowingly violating the law;

**WHEREAS**, HB1469 is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution requiring persons to immediately relinquish lawfully owned magazines, fails to provide how to properly relinquish banned magazines, creates instant felon if enacted as written, creates conflicts allowing for sale to out of state persons while stating possession is a felony, bans body armor worn as protection for those who employ the use of chain saws, motorcyclists, range officers and firearms instructors, shop owners and employees who work in dangerous neighborhoods or during night shifts;

**WHEREAS**, SB1657 and trailer bills will create economic hardship on lawfully owned and operated small businesses, firearms dealerships, in effect forcing them to close; will create undue burdens and price increases on persons to lawfully purchase firearms; will have direct negative impact on local economies thru job loss and sales tax loss; will create another layer of burdensome government regulation on top of the heavy Federal regulations; imposes new fees on top of existing Federal license fees;

**WHEREAS**, Ford County Board, being elected to represent the People of Ford County and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States' Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States' Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Governor of Illinois, being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by his Oath of Office to uphold the United States' Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

**WHEREAS**, proposed legislation, any bills similar to, under consideration by the Illinois State Legislature would infringe on the Right to Keep and Bear arms and would ban the possession and the use of firearms, magazines, body armor now employed by individual citizens of Ford County, Illinois for defense of life, Liberty, and Property and would ban the possession of firearms now employed for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Ford County, Illinois;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation potentially violates the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States' Constitution failing to provide just compensation under the takings clause, the 8th Amendment imposition against excessive fines and punishments on law abiding citizens by punitive forfeiture/relinquishment of lawfully owned property, and Ex Post Facto Law Clause of the United States' Constitution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the People of Ford County, Illinois, do hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ford County Board demands the General Assembly cease further actions restricting the Right of the People to keep and Bear Arms, and hereby demand the Governor of Illinois veto all such legislation which restricts the Right of the People to keep and Bear Arms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk will send a certified copy of this resolution to the Illinois General Assembly and the office of the Governor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Government of the State of Illinois shall infringe upon the inalienable rights granted by the Second Amendment of the United States' Constitution, Ford County shall become a "Sanctuary County" for all firearms unconstitutionally prohibited by the government of the State of Illinois, in that, Ford County will prohibit its' employees from enforcing the unconstitutional actions of the State Government.

  
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Randy Berger, Ford County Board Chairman

Attest:   
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Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder