

**RESOLUTION 23-16**  
**2023**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF FORD, ILLINOIS**

Resolution opposing **Illinois General Assembly HB5855 Protect Illinois communities Act**, any trailer bill, or any bill similar too, or any bill where the 102<sup>nd</sup> Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the individual right of US Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States 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 States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the People have a God given obligation to provide for the common defense;

**WHEREAS**, a well-armed citizenry is the best protection against tyrannical government;

**WHEREAS**, the People of Ford County, Illinois, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted with Ford County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, The HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act is a violation of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution allowing responsible law-abiding citizens the right to Keep and bear Arms & Ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, HB5855 is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution requiring persons to relinquish lawfully owned Arms and Ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, A Rand Review (2020) of gun control studies concluded there's "inconclusive evidence for the effect of assault weapons bans";

**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 your Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

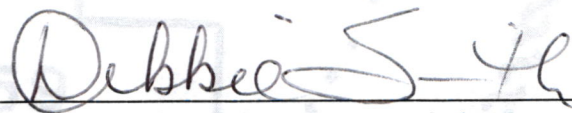
**WHEREAS,** proposed legislation, any bills similar to, under consideration by the Illinois State Legislature which would infringe upon the Right to Keep and Bear Arms of commonly owned firearms by the individual citizens of Ford County, Illinois, is a direct violation of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution;

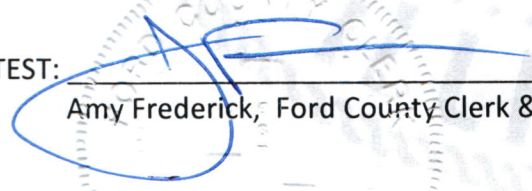
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the County Board of Ford County, Illinois, do hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms and consideration such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ford County Board demands that the Illinois General Assembly cease further actions restricting the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms, and hereby demand that 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 Clerk of Ford County is hereby directed to prepare and <sup>email</sup> ~~deliver~~ ~~certified copies~~ of this Resolution to the Illinois General Assembly and to the Office of the governor. <sub>copies</sub>

Passed by the Ford County Board on the 9th day of January, 2023.

  
Debbie Smith, Ford County Board Chairman

ATTEST:   
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder