

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 13th day of February, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean and Robert Savoie

ABSENT: Conor Egan

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA 2020-05 RESOLUTION
TO DECLARE SUPPORT FOR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

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

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

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 Chippewa County citizens' individual rights to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, each Chippewa County Commissioner, the County Sheriff, and the Prosecuting Attorney took an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

WHEREAS, due to introduced legislation at state and federal levels and heightened discussions regarding the second amendment, many people have concerns about the future of laws and enforcement of laws that may encroach on those rights.

WHEREAS, many counties in the United States have passed "Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolutions" the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners also wish to state strong support and willingness to act to protect its citizens Constitutional rights.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Chippewa County Board expresses its strong support for the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms and urges all branches of state and federal governments take no action which would violate the freedoms guaranteed by either the Michigan or United States Constitutional provisions regarding the right to keep and bear arms.

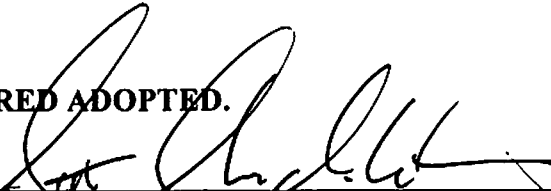
This Resolution was adopted by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the Chippewa County Board Chambers, Chippewa County Courthouse, Chippewa County, Michigan, by an affirmative vote of no less than three of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 13th day of February, 2020.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

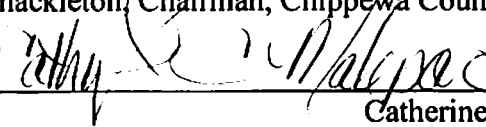
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean and Robert Savoie

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



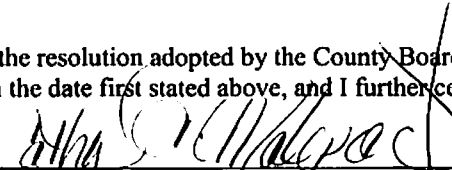
Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution, adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk