



Clinton County Republican Party Resolution No. 2023 — 7

A Resolution to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners urging them to Support the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Michigan Constitution by Declaring Clinton County a "Constitutional County"

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to The Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; 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, Senate Bill 83 and House Bills 4146 – 4148, as passed by the Michigan Legislature, are clearly unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Clinton County Republican Party to reaffirm its commitment and support of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Clinton County citizens' individual rights; and

WHEREAS, each Clinton County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support The Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a "Constitutional County" is defined as a place of refuge for the law-abiding citizen in regards to the citizens' rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including, but not limited to, the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Republican Party urges the Clinton County Board of Commissioners to affirm their belief in the U.S. Constitution by declaring, via resolution, that Clinton County is a "Constitutional County"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge the Board of Commissioners to affirm its support for the Clinton County Sheriff and the Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney, and to acknowledge their respective oaths of office by strongly encouraging their utmost discretion in the exercise of their duties in enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we implore Clinton County Board of Commissioners not to authorize or appropriate any funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the purposes of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of any law-abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge the Clinton County Board of Commissioners to request the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government, to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, statute, law, rule, order or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Senator Sam Singh, State Representatives Graham Filler, Penelope Tsernoglou, Emily Divendorf, U.S. Congress Representative Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow, the Clinton County Sheriff Sean Dush, and the Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Spagnoulo.

Approved by a majority of the Clinton County Republican Party Executive Committee present and voting on this day, August 17, 2023.

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