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Citizens of Iroquois County,

As your Sheriff, I wanted to give you, the citizens of Iroquois County, an update on the recent passage of HB 5471, also known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act.

As your duly elected Sheriff my job and my office are sworn, in fact, to protect the citizens of Iroquois County. This is a job and responsibility that I take with the utmost seriousness and pride. Part of my duties that I accepted upon being sworn into office was to protect the rights provided to all of us in the Constitution. One of those enumerated rights is the right of the people to keep and bear arms provided under the 2nd amendment.

The right to keep and bear arms for defense of life, liberty and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the people.

I, among many others, believe that HB 5471 is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution.

I am supported fully by the Iroquois County Board who, on December 13th 2022, passed Resolution R2022-102 in opposition of, at that time, HB 5855 the Protect Illinois Communities Act.

Therefore, as the custodian of the jail and chief law enforcement official for Iroquois County, neither myself nor my office will be checking to ensure that lawful gun owners register their weapons with the State, nor will we be arresting or housing law abiding individuals that have been arrested solely with non-compliance of this Act.

Other crimes committed with firearms will continue to be investigated and enforced by this Office based on the facts and circumstances of each case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clinton J. Perzee".

Clinton J. Perzee
Iroquois County Sheriff

Resolution No. R2022- 102

**RESOLUTION
of the
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF IROQUOIS, ILLINOIS**

Resolution opposing Illinois General Assembly HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act, any trailer bill, or any bill similar too, or any bill where the 102nd 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 Iroquois 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 Iroquois County, Illinois, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Iroquois 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 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution allowing responsible law-abiding citizens the right to keep and bear arms & ammunition;

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

WHEREAS, Iroquois County Board, being elected to represent the People of Iroquois 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 Iroquois County, Illinois, is a direct violation of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Board of Iroquois 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 Iroquois County Board hereby orders that Iroquois County shall not support the enforcement HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act through the use of county funds, appropriations, personnel or property. The use of these limited resources is hereby banned from enforcing HB5855.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iroquois County Board expects all elected officers of Iroquois County to support and enforce this resolution,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we the Iroquois County Board demand that the Illinois General Assembly cease and repeal "The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act" (430 ILCS 65) immediately.

Passed this 13th day of December, 2022



John Shure, County Board Chairman

ATTEST



Brecken B. Suter, Iroquois County Clerk

