

St. Joseph County
Resolution 8-2023

A resolution to oppose state of Michigan Senate Bills 76-86 or any similar bill in which the state restricts the individual right of us citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

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 St. Joseph County, Michigan;

Whereas, the people of St. Joseph County, Michigan, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within St. Joseph County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution;

Whereas, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, being elected to represent the people of St. Joseph County and being duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate, being elected by the people of the State of Michigan and being duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the Governor of Michigan, being elected to represent the people of the State of Michigan and being duly sworn by her oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, proposed legislation of any bills similar to, or under consideration by the Michigan State Legislature, would infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms of commonly owned firearms by the individual citizens of St. Joseph County, Michigan, and is a direct violation of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution.

Now therefore be it resolved by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners to 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 St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners demands that the Michigan Legislature cease further actions restricting the rights of the people to keep and bear arms.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of St. Joseph County is hereby directed to deliver copies of this Resolution to all 82 County Clerks, Michigan Association of Counties, Representative Brad Paquette, Representative Steve Carra, Senator Jonathon Lindsey, and the Office of the Governor.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

I, LINDSAY OSWALD, Clerk of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on June 20, 2023.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Circuit Court at Centreville, Michigan, this 20th day of June 2023.



Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Joel VandeVelde, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2023-12

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO BEAR ARMS
AND
TO ADEQUATELY FUNDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER**

WHEREAS the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of

America has been in the spotlight of public discussion of recent;

WHEREAS public discussion of such constitutional rights is a hallmark of public discourse in a democracy;

WHEREAS some individuals are of the belief that county government has the authority to not enforce duly adopted laws, regulations and/or rules, which are claimed to be in conflict with constitutional rights of individuals within the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS our civil council has opined that the selective enforcement of constitutional laws, regulations and/or rules by Michigan county government is in violation of the Constitution and Laws of both the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS the Board of County of Commissioners of the County of Alger on December 7, 1997, adopted a Resolution of Recognition of Bill of Rights in the Constitution of United States of America, which remains on prominent display at the Alger County, Michigan Courthouse;

WHEREAS all elected county and state office holders take an oath of office under which the office holder supports the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan and to faithfully discharge the duties of such offices;

WHEREAS the lawful ownership, possession and use of firearms is part of the cultural heritage within Alger County, Michigan;

WHEREAS it is common for firearms to be family heirlooms that pass from generation to generation as a permanent connection of the past to the present within extended families;

WHEREAS funding for mental health services in the State of Michigan is woefully underfunded causing a failure to adequately provide services to persons of the State of Michigan whom are in need of mental health services; and

WHEREAS recent high profile firearm shootings involved many individuals that have mental health issues the mental health systems nationwide failed to timely, appropriately and adequately provide services to such individuals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER does support and will continue to honor the pledge to support the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including all amendments thereto;

SE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER direct our legislators whom act as representatives of the People of the State of Michigan to:

- A. Not undertake legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment to the United States of America and Article 1 § 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, including:
 1. Red Flag Laws, excluding the present Personal Protection Order process;
 2. Registration requirements of full or long firearms;
 3. Mandatory storage schemes for firearms;
 4. Additional limitations on the lawful ownership and use of firearms; and
 5. Adoption of other schemes of regulation of firearms that infringe on the foregoing constitutional guarantees of the People of the State of Michigan.
- B. Adhere to their oath of office and not adopt legislation, rules, regulations and/or requirements that conflict with the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 16 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;
- C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all our communities to provide for timely intervention with appropriate and adequate mental health services as an investment in the human capital of all persons of the State of Michigan; and
- D. Ensure that the providing of adequately funded mental health services is accomplished by methods that do not infringe on the statutory and constitutional rights of those in need of mental health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if in exercise of discretion by the Office of Sheriff and Office of Prosecuting Attorney both of the County of Alger, determine that a law has been adopted which violates the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and any final judicial determinations thereto, that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER supports the lawful exercise of discretion not to enforce an unconstitutional law against any law abiding person within the County of Alger;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER directs its staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to: Each township in the County of Alger;

- A. Each city and village in the County of Alger;
- B. Each department head of the County of Alger;
- C. Each county in the State of Michigan;
- D. The Michigan House of Representative;
- E. The Michigan Senate;
- F. The Governor of the State of Michigan
- G. Each United States Senator for the State of Michigan; and
- H. Each United States Congressman for the State of Michigan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel VandeVelde, Alger County Clerk



ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Joel VandeVelde, Clerk

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RESOLUTION #2023-13

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE" HB4284

Whereas, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about." - President Woodrow Wilson.; and

Whereas, From our founders the following statements: **"Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country."** and **"It is an object of vast magnitude that systems of education should be adopted and pursued which may not only diffuse a knowledge of the sciences but may implant in the minds of the American youth the principles of virtue and of liberty and inspire them with just and liberal ideas of government and with an inviolable attachment to their own country."**-Noah Webster, On the Education of Youth in America, 1788, **"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society, but the people themselves: and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is, not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. this is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power"**- Thomas Jefferson to William Charles Jarvis, 28 September 1820; and

Whereas, **"A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district--all studied and appreciated as they merit--are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty."**-Benjamin Franklin.; and

Whereas, **"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."**
—George Orwell, From 1984.; and

Whereas, Michigan Constitution states: Article 8 – Education - Section 1 – Encouragement of Education - Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.; and

Whereas, Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be better prepared to defend and assert them. *John Jay*, First Chief Justice of the supreme Court of the United States, 1797, *Charge to the Grand Jury Of Ulster County*.; and

Whereas, New York State Supreme Court Justice Gallagher, Elbert T. opinion Baer v. Kolmorgen December 15, 1958- Much has been written in recent years concerning Thomas Jefferson's reference in 1802 to "a wall of separation between church and State." It is upon that "wall" that plaintiffs seek to build their case. Jefferson's figure of speech has received so much attention that one would almost think at times that it is to be found somewhere in our Constitution. Courts and authors have devoted numerous pages to its interpretation.; and

Whereas, From 2006 (33%) to 2019 (39%) of the people polled could name all three (3) branches of government (lowest 2016 and 2017 being 26%). This figure was reported higher for those serving in office in Washington D.C. www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Alger County Commissioners support House Bill 4284 to insure all Michigan students are taught the following: ***The American Revolution, Founding documents of the United States, including, but not limited to, the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers, The War of 1812, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War, and The Civil Rights Movement.***; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, House Representative Jenn Hill, State Board of Education Members Marshall Bullock, Ellen Cogen Lipton, Tom McMillin, Judith Pritchett, Pamela Pugh, Mitchell Robinson, Nikki Snyder, Tiffany D. Tilley, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel VandeVelde, Alger County Clerk

Dated: June 20, 2023



ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Joel VandeVelde, Clerk
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RESOLUTION #2023-14

**Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control
Michigan House Bills 4526-4528**

WHEREAS, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

WHEREAS, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those

with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners believes that preempting local control amounts to government overreach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

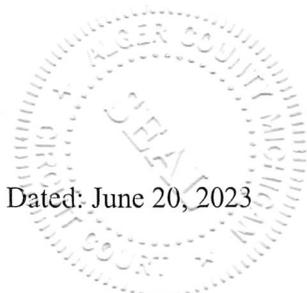
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Edward McBroom (38th District), Representative Jenn Hill (109th District), Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,


Joel VandeVelde, Alger County Clerk



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RESOLUTION #23-04

REAFFIRMING DELTA COUNTY TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

WHEREAS the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan has been in the spotlight of public discussion of recent;

WHEREAS public discussion of such constitutional rights is a hallmark of public discourse in a democracy;

WHEREAS the government of the County of Delta has the authority to not fund activity, regulation and/or rules, which are in conflict with constitutional rights of individuals within the State of Michigan and the United States of America, law abiding citizens are guaranteed the right to keep and bear arms by their Creator. The County of Delta will not support financially any activity that attempts to reduce or strip a law-abiding citizen of their right to keep and bear arms:

WHEREAS the Delta County Commission has previously opined that the selective enforcement of constitutional laws, regulations and/or rules is in violation of the Constitution and Laws of both the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta on February 2, 2020 adopted a Resolution stating that Delta county Michigan is a second amendment sanctuary county,

WHEREAS all elected County Commissioners in the County of Delta Michigan take an oath of office pledging their support to the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan to faithfully discharge the duties of their offices;

WHEREAS the lawful ownership, possession and use of firearms is part of the cultural heritage within the County of Delta Michigan;

WHEREAS it is common for firearms to be family heirlooms that pass from generation to generation as a permanent connection of the past and to the present within extended families;

WHEREAS recent high-profile firearm shootings involved many individuals that have mental health issues the mental health systems nationwide failed to timely, appropriately and adequately provide services to such individuals;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA** does support and will continue to honor the pledge to support the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including all amendments thereto;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA** direct our legislators whom act as a representative of the People of the State of Michigan to:*

A. Not undertake or support legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment of the United States of America and Article 1.6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, including:

- 1. Red Flag Laws, excluding the present Personal Protection Order process;*
- 2. Registration requirements of full or long firearms;*
- 3. Mandatory storage schemes for firearms;*
- 4. Additional limitations on the lawful ownership and use of firearms; and*
- 5. Adoption of other schemes of regulation of firearms that infringe on the foregoing constitutional guarantees of the People of the State of Michigan*

B. Adhere to their oath of office and not adopt legislation, rules, regulations and/or requirements that conflict with the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and Article 1.6 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;

C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all of our communities to provide for timely intervention with appropriate and adequate mental health services as an investment in the human capital of all persons of the State of Michigan; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA** directs its staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to:*

- A. Each township in the County of Delta;*
- B. Each city and village in the County of Delta;*
- C. Each department head of the County of Delta;*
- D. Each county in the State of Michigan;*

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Viau, and supported by Commissioner Petersen.

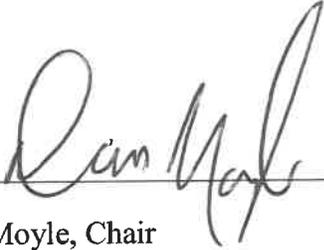
A roll call vote was taken and this Resolution was passed by a vote of: 5:0.

Those Commissioners voting in favor of: Malnar, Viau, Barron, Peterson and Moyle.

Those Commissioners voting against: None.

Those Commissioners abstaining: None.

The Resolution Was Declared Adopted. June 06, 2023



David Moyle, Chair
Delta County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Nancy Przewrocki
Delta County Clerk



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RESOLUTION #23-05

FOR THE OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE (HB 4479 & 4480 SB 299 & 300)

AT A MEETING OF THE /BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HELD AT DELTA COUNTY SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM, ON JUNE 6, 2023,

RESOLUTION - OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE IN
DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta, Michigan, does hereby find
as follows:

WHEREAS, House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300 would amend section
12752 and add Part 128 to the Public Health Code and establish state and local standards for
onsite wastewater treatment systems which would require the Michigan Department of
Environmental Quality to develop a statewide code to govern the installation, operation,
maintenance and inspection of septic systems;

WHEREAS, the amendatory Act restricts and removes local controls and changes existing
regulations and guidelines that have been effectively enforced by counties and health
departments across the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act would add additional mandates that would increase the
amount of personnel time and expenses that Upper Peninsula Health Departments would incur
under the new Act without adequate funding from the state; and

WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act would gut existing regulations and grant the Michigan
Department of Environmental Quality authority to approve local sanitary codes which, in effect,
eliminates local control and undermines the duties of local health department to implement and
enforce laws; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality lacks the necessary budget
and staffing levels to meet the mandates of this Amendatory Act which will place additional
financial burden on local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the State Technical Advisory Committee under the Act would take away and replace local control of the design, permitting, inspection and management of onsite wastewater treatment facilities and limit input into the rulemaking process to four local health department representatives; and

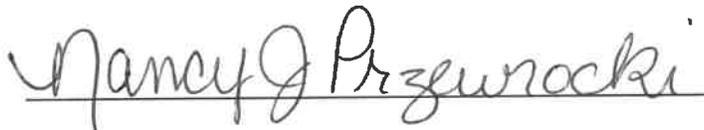
WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act fails to address funding for distressed homeowners and vacated properties with onsite wastewater treatment systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta, Michigan, opposes House Bill 4479, House Bill 4480, Senate Bill 299, and Senate Bill 300 and requests State Legislators to oppose the legislation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Delta County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Dated: June 6th, 2023 Board of Commissioners, County of Delta, MI



Attest

Nancy J. Przewrocki
Clerk, Board of Commissioners
County of Delta, State of Michigan



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Judy St. Louis-Scott – Dist. 5

MACKINAC COUNTY RESOLUTION

OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ON ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE

Whereas, the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners understands the importance for clean water, which is a public health matter for all the counties, but particularly for those with shoreline on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, the LMAS Health Department, follows the Upper Peninsula Health Code for the purpose of protecting public health and safety and the quality of the environment; adopted pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code; and

Whereas, the LMAS Health Department inspects and issues permits for Type II, Type III, water wells, public pools and beaches throughout the County, as well as, septic system and commercial properties; and

Whereas, this proposed code would apply to all residential and commercial systems and the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners opposes any additional requirements for inspection of residential septic wastewater systems; as the proposed policy changes may be overly burdensome; for businesses and local residences alike; and

Whereas, recent proposals House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300, only introduce a failed bipartisan code package from 2018; without structure or an agreed upon timing for the proposed inspections; and

Whereas, these changes would cause undue hardship for our citizens, as Mackinac County lacks the needed infrastructure and manpower that would be necessary to uphold the proposed code changes, and

Whereas, Mackinac County continues to be dedicated to providing a healthy and safe living environment for its constituents and its visitors, through its current processes; the Board also recognizes the cost of living is exceeding many of its residents, who are struggling with current economic impact of mandated expenses.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners opposes House Bill 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bill 299 and 300, to establish a statewide septic code.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: Kaiser

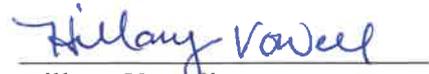
Supported by: Litzner

Ayes: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott

Nays: none

Absent: none

I, Hillary Vowell, Clerk of the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted by the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2023.



Hillary Vowell

Mackinac County Clerk