

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TO BE A**

**"SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY"**

**THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATES:**

**WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of CHARLEVOIX, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of CHARLEVOIX 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 CHARLEVOIX County and the employees of the CHARLEVOIX 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), opined 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"; and**

**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 CHARLEVOIX County citizens' individual rights to keep and bear arms; and**

**WHEREAS, each CHARLEVOIX County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.**

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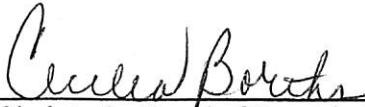
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the CHARLEVOIX County Board of Commissioners, that the County of CHARLEVOIX, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board affirms its support for the CHARLEVOIX County Sheriff and the CHARLEVOIX County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs it's staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's fellow county elected officials, the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan and all of the Michigan U.S. Congressmen.

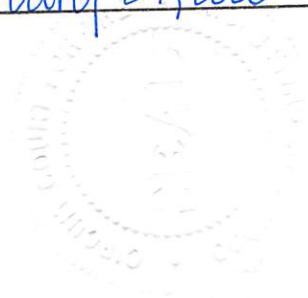


Chairman of the Board



Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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DEPUTY	February 27, 2020 DATE

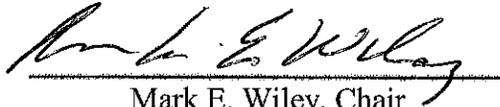


February 25, 2020

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

We, the Board of Commissioners, hereby affirms that the rights protected by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution apply to all arms that are legally in use today by supporting the attached document.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Wiley, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Approval by the Board of Commissioners  
on February 25, 2020 by

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

✓C/BROWN ✓C/GAMES ✓C/WILEY  
✓C/CASWELL ✓C/CAROLAN

VOTE 5 YES 0 NO

AS AMENDED TO STRIKE THE WORDS "that are legally in use today" on the Resolution and attached document.

## RESOLUTION OF HILLSDALE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution affirms, “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, the United States Supreme Court in “District of Columbia v. Heller”, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home and on their private property, and in “McDonald v. City of Chicago”, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that such rights are incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution affirms, “every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state,” and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution affirms, “all political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the equal benefit, security, and protection,” and

WHEREAS, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to securing and protecting the rights of all citizens of Hillsdale County to keep and bear arms, and

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

WHEREAS, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners is concerned about, and wishes to express its opposition to, any law or current or future legislation containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Hillsdale County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to support fully the right to keep and bear arms and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Hillsdale County to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Hillsdale County Michigan:

That the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the rights of the citizens of Hillsdale County, Michigan, as protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, and

That the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent that it will not use county resources to infringe or restrict the rights of any 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

That the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners affirms its support for the Hillsdale County Sheriff and the Hillsdale County Prosecuting Attorney, in the rightful exercise of their sound discretion to

ensure that unconstitutional firearms laws, which abridge these rights referenced above are not applied against any citizen of Hillsdale County, and

That the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms that the rights protected by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution apply to all arms that are legally in use today.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our State Representative, our State Senator, and our U.S. Congressman.

The undersigned clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hillsdale, hereby certifies that the resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on 25 February, 2020, by the Board of Commissioners with the following votes:

**Amended to strike the words "that are legally in use today." and changing who the County Clerk is directed to send to as follows: the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan, all the Michigan U.S. Congressmen and the other 82 counties.**

February 26, 2020

RESOLUTION

Declaration of Charlevoix County as Constitutional Sanctuary

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

WHEREAS, it has been requested that Charlevoix County adopt a proposed "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights provides, "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, the Constitution of the United States established America's national government and fundamental laws, and guaranteed certain basic rights for its citizens, including but not limited to the Bill of Rights and all of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Michigan (1963) was established providing, "We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution" established to form ourselves into a free and independent state; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America AND the Constitution of the State of Michigan provide certain rights of its residents as defined and declared in the ratified documents; and

WHEREAS, all those guaranteed certain basic rights for its citizens, shall not be infringed. Furthermore, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will ensure the ability of Charlevoix County residents to own and keep firearms; and

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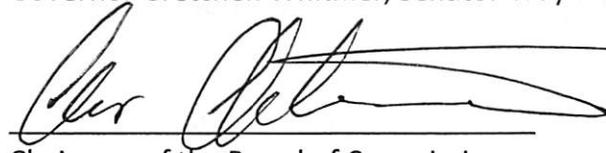
WHEREAS, each Charlevoix County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath of office to support the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

WHEREAS, the definition of the word Sanctuary is defined to mean a place of refuge or safety.

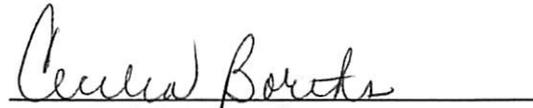
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, declares that the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Constitutional Sanctuary County"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners affirms its support for the Charlevoix County Sheriff and the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen a law determined by the courts to be unconstitutional; and

The Clerk of the County of Charlevoix is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Wayne Schmidt and Representative Triston Cole.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFIED	
Cecelia Borths, County Clerk	
DEPUTY	
	February 27, 2020 DATE

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COUNTY OF LAKE**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LAKE COUNTY TO BE A**

**“SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY”**

**# 2020-02**

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of Lake 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 Lake County and the employees of the Lake 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), opined 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”; and

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 Lake County citizens’ individual rights to keep and bear arms; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Lake, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board affirms its support for the Lake County Sheriff and the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs its staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's fellow county elected officials, the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan and all of the Michigan U.S. Congressmen.

This Resolution was adopted by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the Lake County Board Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, (Lake County, Michigan, by an affirmative vote of no less than four of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020.

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Dawn Martin, and supported by Commissioner Robert Sanders.

A roll call vote was taken, and this Resolution was passed by a vote of: 7-0.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: Martin, Arquette, Balulis, Sanders, Dermeyer, Walls, Lodholtz.

Those Commissioners voting against: 0

Those Commissioners abstaining: 0

The Resolution Was Declared Adopted.

Howard Lodholtz, Chairman  
Lake County Board of Commissioners



ATTEST:

Patti Pacola

Patti Pacola  
Lake County Clerk

**KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION 2020-09**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR WHITMER'S \$3.5 BILLION ROAD BOND DEBT**

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of Kalkaska County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, have expressed concern with the debt and expenses to our taxpayers;

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer first requested a \$.45 gas tax increase and rejected the Legislature's plan to invest an additional \$375 million without any tax increase;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan already spends approximately \$4.5 billion a year on road repairs;

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer is now planning the \$3.5 billion in state road bonds; bonds from between 2001 and 2011, costing approximately \$200 million annually, to be paid off in 2036;

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's plan will add more money to the bill and extend payments well into the future adversely affecting our children and grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's bonding plan will only effect high-traffic roads in the southern and metro areas of Michigan;

WHEREAS, the majority of roads, including rural roads, will have no benefit from this added and unnecessary debt;

WHEREAS, any road plans should include making sure every penny paid in taxes at the pumps goes to fix our roads, including the 6% sales tax drivers already pay. This alone would add \$800 million more per year to road repairs without raising taxes;

WHEREAS, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners oppose Governor Whitmer's plan to increase the bond debt by billions, when there are other alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Kalkaska, Michigan, be, and hereby, oppose Governor Whitmer's Road Bonding

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Counties of the State of Michigan, the Michigan State Legislature and State Senators, and the Governor of Michigan.

This Resolution was adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at a Regular Meeting held at the Kalkaska County Governmental Center, Commissioner Chambers, Kalkaska County, Michigan, by a roll call vote of no less than four of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 19th day of February, 2020.

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Comai. Supported by Commissioner Crambell.

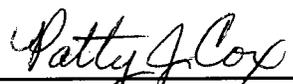
A roll call vote of Commissioners present: David Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell Leigh Ngirarsaol, James Sweet and John West was taken and this Resolution was passed by a vote of: 6, 1 absent, Commissioner Kohn Fisher.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: Comai, Crambell, Ngirarsaol, Sweet, West, Cox.

Those Commissioners voting against: None

Those Commissioners abstaining/absent: Fisher

This Resolution Was Declared Adopted.

 2-19-2020  
Patty Cox, Vice-Chairperson, Chair Pro-tem  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on February 19, 2020, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.

 2/19/2020  
Deborah L. Hill  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Kalkaska County



## Resolution 24-2020

Date: February 28, 2020

### **Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners Resolution of Support of Passage of House Bill 5330 and Senate Bill 730 – Proposed Legislation Requiring Local Unit of Government Approval of Certain Amendments to Approved Development Plans or Tax Increment Financing Plans**

**WHEREAS**, the Re-codified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018, currently does not permit local units of government like Grand Traverse County to approve a proposed extension of a tax increment financing plan or development plans (“TIF plans”) adopted by a downtown development authority (“DDA”) or similar authority;

**WHEREAS**, without such approval, Grand Traverse County and other units of government have no ability to opt out of a proposed extension, which means that a DDA or other authority has the ability to unilaterally extend TIF plans for multiple years and multiple times so that TIF districts exist in perpetuity and tax capture could continue forever; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 1997, the City of Traverse City Commission adopted a tax increment financing and development plan (referred to as “TIF 97”), which provides for a proposed tax capture until December 31, 2027 from certain local units of government to finance various projects in the northern section of downtown Traverse City within the Downtown Development District; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1997, TIF 97 has captured over \$4,000,000 of tax revenue that would have funded County programs and services;

**WHEREAS**, a DDA ad hoc committee has adopted a resolution recommending that the City Commission extend TIF 97 for an additional 13 years beyond December 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City Commission extends TIF 97 for another 13 years, Grand Traverse County, beginning in 2028, would lose an additional estimated \$9,000,000 in general operating millage tax revenue that would support the general operation of County services such as police, 911/central dispatch, emergency management, courts, parks and community health; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed extension would not only impact general operating revenue, but would result in a loss of \$3,000,000 in revenue generated from voter approved dedicated

millages including those that support roads, veterans, the commission on aging, senior centers and animal control; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary reason offered by DDA officials to extend TIF 97 beyond December 31, 2027, is the future tax revenue capture is necessary to finance the construction of a new parking deck; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed parking deck could be financed from parking revenue generated from parking fees instead of the capture of county taxes used to fund critical and necessary services; and

**WHEREAS**, by proposing an extension of TIF 97 to finance the parking deck, the DDA does not intend to use parking revenue generated from the parking deck after it is constructed and operating to finance the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 5330/S.B. 723 give a local unit of government like Grand Traverse County the ability to approve a TIF plan extension when the amended plan involves a project that generates revenue and less than ½ of that revenue is to be pledged to retire any debt issued to construct or equip that project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would apply to the extension of TIF 97 because it involves a project, a parking deck that generates revenue, and less than ½ revenue is to be pledged; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 5330/S.B. 723 are fair, reasonable, and give local units of government a much needed voice whenever a DDA or other similar authority seeks to continue to capture tax revenue that is critical to fund necessary services.

**THEREFORE, THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** resolves to support the passage of H.B. 5330/S.B. 723 requiring local unit of government approval for certain amendments to approved tax increment financing plans or development plans because the proposals would give local units of governments a much needed voice whenever a downtown development authority or similar authority seeks to extend tax increment financing plans or development plans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Wayne Schmidt, Representative Larry Inman, Senator Ken Horn, Chair of the Economic and Small Business Development Committee, Representative James Lower, Chair of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee, the Michigan Association of Counties, all other Michigan County Board of Commissioners, the City Commission of Traverse City, the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority and the other local units of government whose taxes are being captured by the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority.