

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators John Syracuse, David E. Godfrey, **DATE:** 10/15/19 **RESOLUTION #** IL-068-19
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APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S6738, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING FIREARMS AS PRIZES IN A GAME OF CHANCE NOT ORGANIZED BY AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR A POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, in March 2019, the Niagara County Legislature voted unanimously against Assembly Bill A1413 which sought to prohibit firearms as prizes in any game of chance, and

WHEREAS, similar to Assembly Bill A1413, the more recent Senate Bill S6738 prohibits firearms as prizes in any game of chance unless the authorized organization is a bona fide organization of veterans, volunteer firefighters, or police benevolent associations, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S6738 discriminates against other entities such as conservation clubs that aren't affiliated with veterans, police benevolent associations, or volunteer firefighters, and

WHEREAS, it would create a barrier on the revenue of many of these entities solely for the reason that they aren't an authorized organization of veterans, volunteer firefighters, or a police benevolent association, and

WHEREAS, a citizen who wins a gun is already required to meet existing standards for gun ownership and must pass a background check through FBI National Instant Check System (NICS) before taking possession of the gun, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature opposes Senate Bill S6738 and the tyranny it represents, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan; Senator Robert G. Ort; Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie; Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes; Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb; Member of the Assembly Michael J. Norris; Member of the Assembly Angelo Morinello; Member of the Assembly Karen McMahon; Member of the Assembly Robin Schimming; New York State DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos; and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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