

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Shawn A. Foti DATE: 09/13/22 RESOLUTION # IL-095-22

<b>APPROVED BY</b>	<b>REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>COMMITTEE ACTION</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE ACTION</b>
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**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ACTIONS RESTRICTING 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Niagara County has a long, proud tradition of staunchly supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature created a Gun Owners Advisory Panel last year to further promote the safe and responsible gun ownership rights of residents across Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the evil, heinous actions against defenseless persons at Tops Market in Buffalo, the New York State Legislature seized on that terrible tragedy to rush through 10 new laws that are meant to erode the right of legal gun owners and punish the legal & legitimate businesses in the firearms industry, and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the Bruen Opinion was handed down from the United States Supreme Court striking down the restrictive nature of laws limiting and pertaining to Pistol Permits in New York, and

WHEREAS, with the ink barely dry on New York’s newest gun laws, the New York State Senate and Assembly, in response to the Bruen Opinion, rushed to pass S.51001 & A.41001 during an Extraordinary Session that essentially gutted the Second Amendment rights of citizens across New York State to carry their concealed firearm in public, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriffs’ Association recognized, these new laws as “punitive licensing requirements that aim only to restrain and punish law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment Rights”, and

WHEREAS, as county legislators, we take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution and this a clearly a flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of our citizens, taking away their ability to protect themselves and their loved ones and creating a bureaucratic boondoggle that ultimately seeks to disarm our residents, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature is committed to pursuing all legislative and legal remedies, either alone or in concert with other like-minded counties and organizations, to overturn this assault on our Constitutional rights, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all county governments in New York State with hope that we can join together to overturn these wrong-headed laws.

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LEGISLATOR SHAWN A. FOTI