

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Stammel, Hoffman, Loveridge, Herrington, Bayly, Bendett, Casale, Fiacco, Grant, Patire, Peter, Tesman, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date February 12, 2019

Resolution No. P/47/19

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND OPPOSING INFRINGEMENTS ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has long endeavored to protect the quality of life and the constitutional rights and freedoms of the residents of Rensselaer County and New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body was one of the first Legislative Bodies to declare opposition to the NY SAFE Act via legislative resolution adopted at the February 12, 2013 meeting of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Since 2103 this Legislative Body has continued to state our opposition to the NY SAFE Act and will continue to oppose any infringements on the Second Amendment such as, requiring gun owners to purchase insurance for each legally owned gun, being required to provide social media passwords and being subjected to search engine history background checks, mandated long gun registration, or being required to have a hunting license prior to purchasing a long gun, and any other infringements to lawful gun purchases and ownership; and

WHEREAS, The proposed "Red Flag" Law could permit family members, schools, police officers and district attorneys to seek a court order blocking the possession or purchase of firearms by an individual, a measure that could result in an influx of unfounded demands being placed on judges and courts, and could restrict constitutional rights without due process; and

WHEREAS, Any new laws designed to curb gun violence should be focused on the issues of gun violence related to mental illness and for increasing penalties for criminals who use firearms to commit crimes and to threaten and harm law abiding citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body reaffirms its support of the Second Amendment and opposes additional infringements on the Second amendment; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Neil Breslin, Senator Daphne Jordan, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, and Assemblyman John McDonald.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

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