

Calhoun unanimously passes Gun Sanctuary County ordinance, sheriff gives support

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The Right to Bear Arms Responsibly**

HARDIN - Today, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, unanimously passed a resolution to make Calhoun County a Gun Sanctuary County.

As of early July, the following counties had declared themselves a Gun Sanctuary County: Brown, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cumberland, Douglas, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Henry, Iroquois, Jasper, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Saline, Shelby, Washington, Wayne, White and Woodford. Iroquois County Board was the first to pass the resolution. The resolution opposes the gun control bills in the General Assembly.

Calhoun County Sheriff Bill Heffington is a strong supporter of the “Gun Sanctuary” status and the Second Amendment to the Constitution. The Second Amendment protects the right of people to keep and bear arms and was adopted Dec. 15, 1791, as part of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Sheriff Heffington and the entire office said they were very pleased about the vote.

“It’s very nice to know that Calhoun County has a State's Attorney and a County Board that supports the Second Amendment and helps the citizens protect their Constitutional Rights,” Heffington said. “Your rights are protected here in Calhoun County. The ordinance lets the state know they support people’s gun rights and the Second Amendment.

"The sheriff’s office is not supposed to be involved in taking guns away. Our job is to protect people’s rights and uphold the Constitution. I am a pro-gun person myself and I like to hunt, and shoot sporting clays, too, like everybody else. I am a big supporter of the Second Amendment rights to bear arms.”

Heffington added: “Guns don’t hurt anybody, it's the person using it that causes the problems if not used appropriately. The state’s attorney wrote up a good ordinance.”

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY

Resolution opposing the passage of HB1465, HB 1467, HB1468, HB1469, SB1657, and their proposed amendments:

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 22 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides as follows:

"Subject only to the police power, the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," and;

WHEREAS, Amendment II to the Constitution of the United States provides as follows:

"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 People of Calhoun County, Illinois, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Calhoun County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution and;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners believe that House Bills 1465, 1467, 1468, and 1469, and Senate Bill 1657 constitute an unconstitutional infringement on the rights of the citizens of the State of Illinois and of Calhoun County;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners believe that House Bills 1465, 1467, 1468, and 1469, and Senate Bill 1657 constitute an improper criminalization of constitutionally protected rights of the citizens of the State of Illinois and of Calhoun County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Calhoun County does hereby oppose the enactment of House Bills 1465, 1467, 1468, and 1469, and Senate Bill 1657, or any similar legislation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board urges the Governor of Illinois to veto House Bills 1465, 1467, 1468, and 1469, and Senate Bill 1657, or any such similar legislation which restricts the Right of the People to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Calhoun County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to all members of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Office of the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the Government of the State of Illinois shall enact House Bills 1465, 1467, 1468, and 1469, and Senate Bill 1657, or any similar legislation, that the County Board of Calhoun County recommends that the State's Attorney take any legal action necessary to challenge the constitutionality of said legislation.