



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Add-On

J.5.

1/26/2021

Subject:

Resolution in Opposition to HB 25 and SB 370

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Dept/Office:

District 2

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution

Summary Explanation and Background:

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



January 27, 2021

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 2

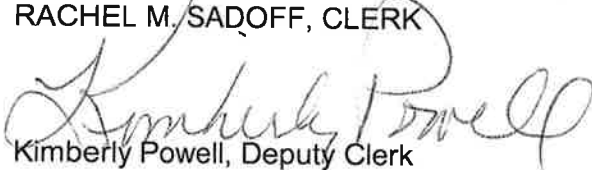
RE: Item J.5., Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 25 and Senate Bill 370

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 26, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-002, opposing any efforts in House Bill 25 and Senate Bill 370 that directly and/or indirectly erode the constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms. Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Deputy Clerk

/ds

Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager
County Attorney

RESOLUTION 21-002 IN OPPOSITION TO HB 25 AND SB 370

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America provides that "[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, § 8(a), of the Florida Constitution provides that "[the] right of the people to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves and of the lawful authority of the state shall not be infringed, except that the manner of bearing arms may be regulated by law," and

WHEREAS, over the past year, the political and social climate, coupled with a degree of collective insanity, has led to uncontrolled lawlessness across a portion of the country, including areas in which police have been barred entry by violent rioters; and

WHEREAS, every reasonable measure must be taken to allow for the lawful carrying of firearms by individuals who wish to have adequate and effective means of self-defense in an era regularly marked by ongoing violent riots; and

WHEREAS, the most immediate and direct remedy for a bad guy (or woman) with a gun is a lawfully armed good guy (or woman) with a gun; and

WHEREAS, firearms are largely useless without ammunition; and

WHEREAS, HB 25, regulating the sale of ammunition, unreasonably restricts law-abiding gun owners from exercising their constitutional rights; and

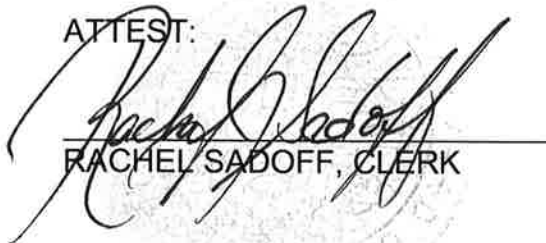
WHEREAS, SB 370, regulating so-called "assault weapons" and arbitrarily defined "large-capacity" magazines, unreasonably restricts law-abiding gun owners from exercising their constitutional rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

We call upon the Brevard County Legislative Delegation ("Legislative Delegation"), consisting of Senators Tom A. Wright (14th Dist.) and Debbie Mayfield (17th Dist.) and Representatives Rene Plasencia (Dist. 50), Tyler Sirois (Dist. 51), Thad Altman (Dist. 52), and Randy Fine (Dist. 53), to oppose any efforts to directly and/or indirectly erode our constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:


RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK


RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA