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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4 Attn: Pat Woodard

RE: Item I.E., Resolution Supporting Adoption of Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 23, 2017, adopted Resolution No. 17-092, supporting adoption of Concealed Carry Reciprocity. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

Resolution 17-092

Supporting Adoption of Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

WHEREAS, every state in our nation recognizes the right of residents to lawfully carry a concealed handgun in public for self-defense – a right that more than 15 million Americans now exercise; and

WHEREAS, America’s experience with concealed carry demonstrates that the repeated anti-gun claim that concealed carry increases violence is factually incorrect. The available evidence shows that concealed carry licensees are exceptionally law-abiding; and

WHEREAS, concealed carry reciprocity is already a reality in the 22 states that recognize all other concealed carry licenses or allow law-abiding non-residents to carry a firearm without a permit; and

WHEREAS, only ten states still refuse to grant full faith and credit to the permits of other states, forcing legal concealed carriers to surrender their rights when traveling through these jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The consequence is obvious, as otherwise law-abiding citizens – including veterans, a single mother, a disaster response worker, a nurse and medical school student, and even a corrections officer – have become accidental criminals and suffered seizure of property, arrest, detention, and even prosecution because they failed to navigate the legal minefield that is the current state reciprocity system; and

WHEREAS, HR 38 and S 446 Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 would eliminate the confusing patchwork of state carry laws by allowing individuals who possess concealed carry permits from their home state, or who are not prohibited from carrying concealed in their home state, to exercise those rights in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry; and

WHEREAS, the Act recognizes the diversity of state concealed carry laws by making each person subject to the concealed carry laws of the state where they are present, including some locations off-limits to firearms and laws governing the defensive use of force. It merely allows out-of-state permittees to concealed carry the same way in-state residents already do; and

WHEREAS, HR 38 is cosponsored in the House of Representatives by the Honorable Congressman Bill Posey and S 446 is cosponsored in the Senate by the Honorable Senator Marco Rubio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA does hereby support the passage of **CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017** and call on all members of Congress adopt this excellent Act.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 23rd day of May 2017.

ATTEST:



Scott Ellis, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA

BY: 
Curt Smith, Chairman

(seal)

As Approved By the Board on May 23, 2017

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