

St. Joseph County Michigan Republican Party

Resolution to Denounce Governor Gretchen Whitmer's call to Infringe on our Rights

WHEREAS the duly elected and appointed Precinct Delegates of St. Joseph County Republican Party have been entrusted by the voters who elected us to defend and promote the true Constitutional Values of the Republican Party Platform; and

WHEREAS Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 guarantees, "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state"; and

WHEREAS the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, "...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS Michigan Compiled Law 28.422, requiring a license to purchase, carry, possess, or transport a pistol, is itself an infringement of a right guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and therefore repugnant to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS in Gretchen Whitmer's January 25th 2023, State of the State address, the Governor called for enacting "universal background checks for people who want to buy firearms", encouraging infringement on the 2nd Amendment right of Michiganders; and

WHEREAS Section 11 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 guarantees "every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures"; and

WHEREAS the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...", and

WHEREAS in her January 25th 2023, State of the State address Governor Gretchen Whitmer called for enacting "safe storage laws so we can make sure firearms are stored safely at home" (emphasis added) encouraging legislators to create laws which would result in another infringement of the Constitutional rights of Michiganders; and

WHEREAS Michigan Compiled Law 600.2950, Section (1e) already provides a way for Michiganders to seek relief from individuals whose actions are deemed potentially harmful by the court through restraining or enjoining the respondent from “purchasing or possessing a firearm”; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Whitmer’s January 25th 2023, State of the State address the Governor called for enacting “extreme risk protection orders” which would further jeopardize the 2nd Amendment rights of Michiganders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, that the St. Joseph County Republican Party officially thank the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the county, to formally denounce the calls by Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the Michigan legislature to enact laws which would infringe upon the people’s right to bear arms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, SECOND, that the St. Joseph County Republican Party officially thank the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the county, to denounce the calls by Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the Michigan legislature to enact laws which would legalize unreasonable searches and seizures of the people of Michigan and their homes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THIRD, that the St. Joseph County Republican Party encourages the St. Joseph County Sheriff, as the law enforcement officer elected by the registered voters of the county to uphold and defend the Constitution, to denounce such laws should they be enacted by refusing to require himself, his undersheriff, or deputies to carry them out, AND actively defend citizens of St Joseph County against unconstitutional efforts to deprive them of their Constitutional rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, FOURTH, that the St. Joseph County Republican Party encourages all County Republican Party Executive Committees whose delegates were elected by their constituents to defend and promote the true Constitutional Values of the Republican Party Platform to adopt similar resolutions in their counties.

NOTE: This resolution was formally introduced at the 7/24/2023 St Joseph County Republican Meeting, and was approved with an amendment added to the 2nd to the last paragraph shown here above by adding the words underlined. This was then approved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.