



## RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ACTIONS RESTRICTING 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, Wales has a long, proud tradition of staunchly supporting the 2 Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Wales supports and promotes safe and responsible gun ownership rights of residents across the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the evil, heinous actions against defenseless persons at Tops Market in Buffalo, the New York State Legislature, after that terrible tragedy seized the opportunity to rush through 10 new laws that are meant to erode the right of legal gun owners and punish the legal & legitimate businesses in the firearms industry, and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the Bruen Opinion was handed down from the United States Supreme Court striking down the restrictive nature of laws limiting and pertaining to Pistol Permits in New York, and

WHEREAS, with the ink barely dry on New York's newest gun laws, the New York State Senate and Assembly, in response to the Bruen Opinion, rushed to pass S.51001 & A.41001 during an Extraordinary Session that essentially gutted the Second Amendment rights of citizens across New York State to carry their concealed firearm in public, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriffs' Association recognized, these new laws as "punitive licensing requirements that aim only to restrain and punish law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment Rights", and

WHEREAS, as Town Board members in the Town of Wales, we take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution and this a clearly a flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of our citizens, taking away their ability to protect themselves and their loved ones and creating a bureaucratic boondoggle that ultimately seeks to disarm our residents, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wales Town Board is committed to pursuing all legislative and legal remedies, either alone or in concert with other like-minded municipalities, counties and organizations, to overturn this assault on our Constitutional rights and, RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all Erie County local governments with hope that we can join to overturn these wrong-headed laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Robert Ort, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal People-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature, The Association of Towns, and New York State Conference of Mayors.

### Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Howard Aye  
Councilman Venditti Aye  
Councilman Butcher Aye  
Councilman Gawronski Aye

Approved Aye 4 noes 0

Melinda Eaton, Wales Town Clerk

Dated 10/11/2022