

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ACTIONS RESTRICTING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY _____, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has a long, proud tradition of staunchly supporting the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden 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 firearm 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 Alden, we take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution and this is 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 Alden 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 the 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 Ortt, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal Peoples-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.

The above Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on December 5, 2022 the results of which were as follows:

Councilwomen Waiss	Aye	Nay
Supervisor Sitzman	Aye	Nay
Councilwomen Pautler	Aye	Nay