

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that the primary reason for citizens having the right to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, is to provide for the promise of freedom and the means to prevent its loss and to protect oneself, loved ones and property from lawlessness.

RESOLUTION 107-18

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPOSE RULES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS EXCEEDING FEDERAL LAW ON ALL PRIVATE FIREARM TRANSFERS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND ON ALL FIREARMS SALES AT GUN SHOWS

Whereas; during the 2019 New Mexico legislative session, New Mexico state lawmakers will consider legislation backed by the national gun control organization *Everytown for Gun Safety* that will exceed the scope of federal gun laws, restrict the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and negatively impact events which directly contribute to the local economy; and

Whereas; Senate Bill 8 and House Bill 8 would criminalize nearly all private firearm sales between individuals -- including among family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, hunting partners, competitive shooters and fellow gun club members -- and require them to be conducted through a federal firearms licensed dealer with extensive government paperwork and payment of an undetermined fee; and

Whereas; House Bill 40 would specifically apply the aforementioned regulatory scheme and its additional costs and recordkeeping to all firearms sales at gun shows;

Whereas; the restrictions imposed by these measures exceed those requirements found in federal law or laws in the State of Texas, which will result in these and similar events being driven to those neighboring communities; and

Whereas; nearly 80 percent of law enforcement officers surveyed by PoliceOne in 2013 said that a prohibition on private non-dealer transfers of firearms between individuals such as that proposed in Senate Bill 8, House Bill 8, and House Bill 40 would not reduce violent crime; and

Whereas; existing laws governing firearms sales are not being enforced, as evidenced by a September 2018 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office which stated that of the 112,090 people who were turned down for a gun purchase in FY 2017, there were only 12 prosecutions by U.S. Attorneys Offices as of June 2018; and

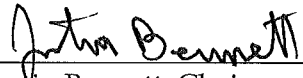
Whereas; gun shows aren't a source of crime guns according to a U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics survey of state prison inmates, of whom only 0.8 percent stated that they had obtained a firearm at a gun show; and

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the County of Union the right of private individuals to lawfully sell or transfer their legally-owned property without government interference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Union opposes legislation which exceeds federal laws governing individual firearms sales, as it is ineffective public safety policy, and puts Union County at a competitive disadvantage with our Texas neighbors through additional rules, regulations and restrictions, and cost law-abiding citizens time, freedom and money.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2019.

UNION COUNTY COMMISSION



Justin Bennett, Chairman



W. Carr Vincent, Member



Clayton Kiesling, Member

