

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF UNION
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-36

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OPPOSITION TO THE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER ACT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County and its chief law enforcement official, the Union County Sheriff, have long recognized the necessity of the right to bear arms for citizens to protect themselves and their property; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on February 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, with the support of the Union County Sheriff, declared Union County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and recognized the Union County Sheriff's right, in the exercise of his sound discretion, to prioritize the law enforcement duties of the deputies assigned to his office and not to enforce any unconstitutional firearms law against any citizen; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature is currently considering an Act titled *Extreme Risk Protection Order Act* that allows a District Court to issue an order for a person not to have "custody or control of, purchase, possess or receive or attempt to purchase or receive a firearm or ammunition" and to issue a search warrant to law enforcement for firearms and ammunition in the person's custody or control; and

WHEREAS, Union County is a vast area of 3,831 square miles and has a population of more than 4,187 people; and

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is essential to a citizen's ability to protect their personal safety, their family's safety, and their property; and

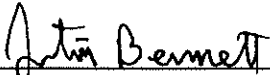
WHEREAS, the proposed law does not provide sufficient due process, creates an additional burden on the already overworked District Courts, and creates a new responsibility that exposes law enforcement to additional dangers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County that it declare its opposition to the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager communicate the Board's position to Union County's legislators.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 19th day of February, 2020, by the Union County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Clayton, New Mexico.

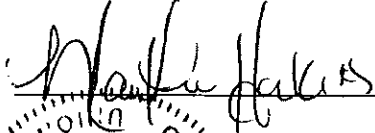
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