



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2020-05

Declaring Opposition to the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County and its chief law enforcement official, the Roosevelt 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 22, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County, with the support of the Roosevelt County Sheriff, declared Roosevelt County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and recognized the Roosevelt 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 just passed 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, Roosevelt County is a vast area of approximately 2,500 square miles and has a population of more than 17,000 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 Roosevelt County that it declare its opposition to the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Roosevelt County communicate to the Office of the Governor this resolution with no further wording.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of February, 2020 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

Stephanie Hicks

Stephanie Hicks, Roosevelt County Clerk

by: *Silke Humpo*



Matthew Hunton

Matthew Hunton, Chairman – District II

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Tina Dixon

Tina Dixon, Vice Chair – District IV

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Dennis Lopez

Dennis Lopez – District I

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Lewis (Shane) Lee

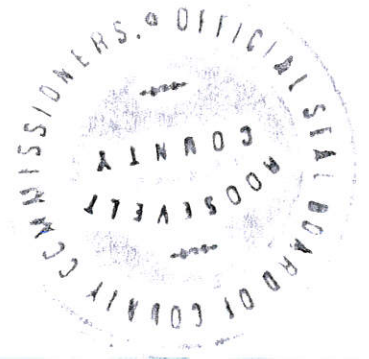
Lewis (Shane) Lee – District III

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Paul Grider

Paul Grider – District V

Voted: Yes No Abstained



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