

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

No. 39-20

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY A
SECOND AMENDMENT/LAWFUL GUN OWNER SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," an individual right affirmed by the United States Supreme Court and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey was the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear arms, and the New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized it as a fundamental rights of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the State Legislature, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Cape May County to keep and bear Arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Cape May County; and,

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to express its deep commitment to the rights of citizens of Cape May County to keep and bear Arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Cape May County, such as Assembly Bill 6003 proposed before the New Jersey General Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, declare as follows:

1. The Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby express its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Cape May County and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Cape May County to bear arms; and
2. The Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby declare its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action; and,
3. The Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby declare Cape May County, New Jersey, as a "Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary."

STATEMENT

This Resolution designates Cape May County, New Jersey, as a "Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary."

cc:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY } ss.:
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY }

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the 14th day of

January, 2020

Signed _____
Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE						
Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓					
Ms. Hayes	✓				✓	
Mr. Morey	✓					
Mr. Pierson	✓					✓
Mr. Thornton				✓		

V - Indicates Vote Moved-Resolution Offered Second-Resolution Seconded