

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 226 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Vanselow and Simpson

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE NEW YORK SECURE AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2013

WHEREAS, Senate Bills S511-2015 and S1193-2015 have been introduced to the New York State Senate by Senator Michael Nozzolio and Senator Kathleen Marchione respectively, which would repeal all or part of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (“NY SAFE Act”), and

WHEREAS, the lawful ownership of firearms is a recreational benefit to our residents through hunting and target shooting, along with an economic and environmental benefit to our region with several locally owned and operated gun/sporting businesses, and

WHEREAS, the NY SAFE Act of 2013 which was rushed to passage by the New York State Senate, Assembly and Governor, will have a detrimental effect on hunters, sportsmen and legal gun owners, creating a unfavorable environment both for them and for the sale and manufacture of legal firearms, and

WHEREAS, the NY SAFE Act prohibits the sale of firearm magazines with a capacity larger than seven (7) rounds and, those firearm magazines with a capacity larger than seven (7) rounds, which are authorized to be retained by existing owners, may only be loaded with seven (7) rounds and eventually must be permanently altered to only accept seven (7) rounds or be disposed of, and

WHEREAS, few or no low capacity (seven (7) rounds or less) magazines currently exist for many of the firearms commonly possessed by law-abiding residents of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the New York SAFE Act severely impacts the possession and use of firearms by residents of Warren County for the defense of life, liberty and property, and

WHEREAS, the NY SAFE Act severely impacts the possession and use of firearms now employed for safe forms of recreation including, but not limited to hunting and target shooting, and

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WHEREAS, while there are some areas of the NY SAFE Act that the Warren County Board of Supervisors finds encouraging, such as the strengthening of Kendra's Law and Mark's Law, as well as privacy protections for lawful permit holders, the NY SAFE Act fails to offer meaningful solutions to gun violence and places undue burdens where they don't belong, squarely on the backs of law abiding citizens, and

WHEREAS, components of the NY SAFE Act place unfunded mandates on local Sheriff Departments, County Clerk's Office and County Judges, and

WHEREAS, the NY SAFE Act presents financial impact to Warren County because Warren County pistol permits will have to be renewed requiring additional manpower, and

WHEREAS, requiring law-abiding gun owners to verify ownership of certain types of firearms every five years, and renewing permits every five years, does not increase safety of the public and is unnecessarily burdensome to the residents of New York, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the NY SAFE Act has engendered significant controversy over both the process by which it was enacted and certain provisions contained within, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 110 of 2013 the Warren County Board of Supervisors expressed dissatisfaction with the process employed by the New York State Legislature when adopting the NY SAFE Act, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors does hereby support Senate Bills S511-2015 and S1193-2015 to repeal all or part of the NY SAFE Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors supports the introduction of an Assembly Bill which calls for the full repeal of the NY SAFE Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors supports efforts by the New York State Legislature to remove funds for enforcement of the NY SAFE Act from the New York State Budget, and

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be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec, New York State Sheriff’s Association, Superintendent of the New York State Police, Congresswomen Elise Stefanik and the New York State Association of Counties.