



**COUNTY OF CATRON
RESOLUTION № 15-2023**

**OPPOSING THE NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR'S UNILATERAL SUSPENSION OF THE STATUTORY
AND CONSTITUTIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS OF NEW MEXICANS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on September 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Fire Administration Building, 3 Mountaineer Rd, Reserve, New Mexico 87830.

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power to, “provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants”; and,

WHEREAS, the members of this Board took a solemn oath to support constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state pursuant to Article 20 Section 1 of the New Mexico Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed our rights, bestowed by our creator, in holding that the ability to carry a pistol in public for self-defense is a constitutional right guaranteed by the Second Amendment and that constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense is not “a second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees, New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen, 142 S. Ct. 2111, 2156 (2022); and,

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2023, the Governor of the State of New Mexico issued Executive Order 2023-130 and directed that the Secretary of the Department of Health issue a public health emergency order, the same day, banning the possession of a firearm by New Mexicans, openly or concealed, outside of private property for certain cities and counties in the State; and,

WHEREAS, the public health order further banned the possession of a firearm on state property and public parks for all New Mexicans; and,

WHEREAS, responsible gun owners are trustworthy law abiding citizens, for example, concealed handgun permit holders are extremely law-abiding, statistics available from large conceal carry issue states show that permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at 1/6 of the rate at which police officers are convicted; and,

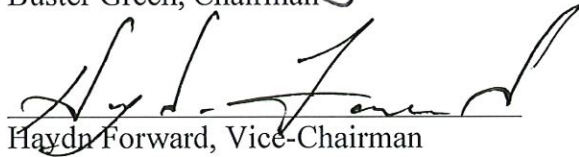
WHEREAS, the spurious stated reason for the public health order is to reduce gun crime, however it only takes away the right of self-defense for law abiding citizens and will do nothing to prevent gun crime by criminals as it is already illegal for criminals to carry guns; and,

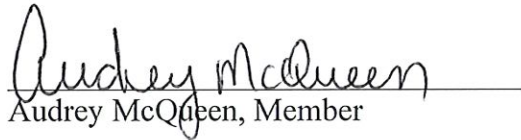
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Catron that it hereby opposes the Governor's patently unconstitutional public health order, re-affirms Catron County's 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Status, and calls upon the County's citizens to stand up for all civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New Mexico.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

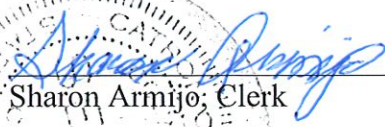
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 13th day of September 2023.


Buster Green, Chairman


Haydn Forward, Vice-Chairman


Audrey McQueen, Member

ATTESTED BY:


Sharon Armijo, Clerk

