

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF GRANT
RESOLUTION NO. R-19-24**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPOSE RULES,
REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS EXCEEDING FEDERAL LAW ON ALL
PRIVATE FIREARM TRANSFERS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS**

WHEREAS, during the 2019 New Mexico Legislative Session, New Mexico State Lawmakers will consider Legislation to limit the private transfer of firearms, including Legislation backed by the national gun control organization *Every town for Gun Safety* that will exceed the scope of federal gun laws, restrict the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and negatively impact events which directly contribute to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Legislation would criminalize nearly all private firearms sales between individuals – including among family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, hunting partners, competitive shooters and fellow gun club members – and require them to be conducted through a federal firearms licensed dealer with extensive government paperwork and payment of an undetermined fee; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions imposed by the proposed Legislation exceeds those requirements found in federal law or laws in the neighboring States: and

WHEREAS, the proposed Legislation would severely limit and restrict the transfer of firearms from parents to their children or grandchildren (s); and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of law enforcement officers surveyed by PoliceOne in 2013 said that a prohibition on private non-dealer transfers of firearms between individuals such as that proposed in Senate Bill 8, House Bill 8, and House Bill 40 would not reduce violent crime; and

WHEREAS, existing laws governing firearms sales are not being enforced, as evidenced by a September 2018 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, which stated that of the 112,090 people who were turned down for a gun purchase in Fiscal Year 2017, there were only 12 prosecutions by U.S. Attorneys Offices as of June 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grant County Board of County Commissioners, that Grant County supports the right of private individuals to lawfully sell or transfer their legally owned property without government interference and opposes any Legislation, which exceeds federal laws governing individual firearms sales.

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Approved and adopted in a Regular Meeting of the Board of Grant County Commissioners on this 21st day of February 2019.



Chris Ponce, Chairman

Voted nay

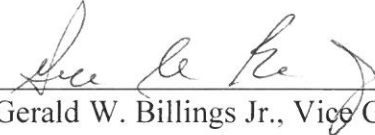
Alicia Edwards, Member

Voted nay

Harry Browne, Member

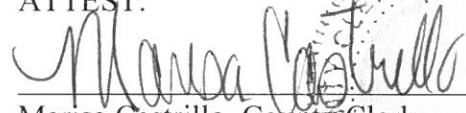


Javier Salas, Member



Gerald W. Billings Jr., Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marisa Castrillo, County Clerk

