



Essex County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 200

July 5, 2022
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING RECENTLY ENACTED NEW
YORK STATE LAW (SENATE BILL S.51001)
REGULATING LEGALLY AUTHORIZED CONCEALED
CARRY GUN PERMITS AND BANNING CONCEALED
CARRY IN THE STATE PARKS AS BEING AN
UNCONSTITUTIONAL ATTACK UPON THE RIGHTS OF
LAW ABIDING CITIZENS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisors Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, New York State enacted Senate Bill S.51001, which among other things, requires concealed carry pistol permit holders to divulge their social media accounts and prohibits bringing concealed carry pistols into “sensitive” park areas which may include the Adirondack Park, Niagra State Park and houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, legislation is the result of a knee-jerk, unvetted and political reaction to the recent Supreme Court decision, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc., v. Bruen*, and was surreptitiously, at the 11th hour, without public discussion, input or knowledge, rushed through the legislature; and

WHEREAS, this Board considers this law to be an unconstitutional infringement upon law abiding citizen’s right to bear arms and an overt infringement upon freedom and liberty in New York State, which is devoid of common sense and does nothing to deal with the problems of crime and illegal firearms; and

WHEREAS, among the most onerous of it’s provisions, it makes it a felony for any individual who has a valid concealed carry permit to bring a handgun into any New York State Park, which may include the Adirondack Park, comprised of 6 million acres, where residents, businesses and municipalities operate, live, work, socialize, worship and pay taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors vehemently, adamantly and with full resolve oppose this new concealed carry law (Senate Bill S.51001), and demand that the provision relative to the prohibition of concealed carry pistol permit holders be subject to a felony if they bring guns into parks such as the Adirondack Park,

Niagra State Park and houses of worship be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors vehemently, adamantly and with full resolve oppose this new concealed carry law's (Senate Bill S.51001) remaining provisions as they are also unconstitutional and violate United States law as stated in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc., v. Bruen*, and are a veiled and poor attempt to skirt *Bruen* falling woefully short of any rational constitutional basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board calls upon the legislature and the Governor of the State of New York to repeal this law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board calls upon all other municipalities within the State of New York, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Center for Law and Justice, and any and all advocates who claim to protect freedom and liberty in the United States, to immediately challenge this law in court as it is most clearly unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution immediately be forwarded to: New York State Governor, Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Majority Leader, Assembly Minority Leader, American Civil Liberties Union, American Center for Law and Justice, New York State Association of Counties, Senator Daniel G. Stec and Assemblyman Matthew Simpson.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.