

RESOLUTION NO. R-024- 117

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,
COLORADO A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION KK**

WHEREAS, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election to change the Colorado Revised Statutes to add a Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutions of both the United States and the State of Colorado guarantee the individual right of the People to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the taxation of a fundamental Constitutional right is not only a *prima facie* violation of said right, but is repugnant to any proper sense of governance of a Constitutional Republic. Taxation of Constitutional rights other than the right to keep and bear arms have been roundly and consistently repudiated and/or disapproved by our courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of this proposed tax increase to Colorado firearms and ammunition purchasers is a ponderous thirty-nine million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the intended uses of the proceeds of this proposed tax include recipients (mental health patients and domestic violence victims) that have very little or nothing to do with firearms and/or ammunition; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Colorado citizens legally own and responsibly use firearms; imposing a tax on their rights to pay for unrelated purposes and/or the criminal misuse of firearms is not only patently unfair, but a gross abuse of government authority; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Colorado General Assembly to see to the proper and appropriate funding of public priorities and to identify fair and equitable means for funding those priorities rather than imposing an unfair, excessive and unconstitutional financial burden on a targeted law-abiding population for merely exercising their Constitutional rights; and

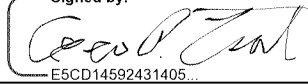
WHEREAS, by previous Resolution, the Board has declared this County of Douglas, State of Colorado, a “Constitutional County” whereby the Constitutional rights of its residents would be respected and protected in all manner from government encroachment or abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, that the Board opposes the passage of Proposition KK, and urges our citizens to vote against this Ballot Measure at the General Election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day 22nd of October, 2024, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO**

BY:

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GEORGE TEAL, Chair

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HAYLEY HALL, Clerk to the Board

Signed by:

