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RESOLUTION NO. 001-25

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE ESTABLISHING AN AMMO PURCHASE CARD.

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) took effect on September 1, 2022 and included various legislation to strengthen gun laws, while also causing undue burden on legal gun owners; and

WHEREAS, beginning September 13, 2023, the New York State Police were trusted with the responsibility to process background checks on firearm, shotgun, rifle, and ammunition transactions across New York -- and the rushed implementation of this system led to delays of weapon and ammunition purchases lasting hours, sometimes days, and for many law-abiding gun owners, outright denial, including members of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the burden of a background check for every purchase of ammunition has caused unjust restraint on the 2nd Amendment rights of New York legal gun owners and has made it difficult to operate a legal firearm and ammunition business in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, other states in the nation, including California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, have similar laws in place for ammunition purchases but offer the convenience and efficient system of utilizing a Firearm Identification Card or Firearms Owners Identification Card, which allows for a resident who possesses such a card to legally purchase both a firearm and/or ammunition without requiring a background check because a background check is required in order to obtain the license; and

WHEREAS, this type of identification card is similar to a NYS Concealed Carry Permit which requires a rigorous background check to obtain and per NYS Penal Law 400.02 "shall be monthly checked by the division of criminal justice services in conjunction with the division of state police against criminal conviction, criminal indictment, mental health, extreme risk protection orders, orders of protection, and all other records as are necessary to determine their continued accuracy"; and

WHEREAS, a background check is required to obtain a NYS Concealed Carry Permit, and NYS Police perform a background check on all pistol permit holders monthly, making the background check for each purchase of ammunition redundant and therefore the use of a state issued pistol permit as an ammunition purchase card will allow the State to meet its need for increased gun safety while allowing law abiding gun owners to have access to ammunition without an unnecessary burden of multiple background checks; and

WHEREAS, this will streamline and expedite the process of purchasing ammunition for hundreds of thousands of NYS residents who have already went through the process of obtaining a pistol permit and have been thoroughly vetted as law abiding citizens, and this will also alleviate stress on the new NYS National Instant Criminal Background System (NICS) which will allow for more accurate results and a better process overall.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, calls on the New York State Legislature to pass legislation to allow for NYS Concealed Carry Permits to be used as purchase cards for ammunition across New York State, where legal, and to waive the additional ammunition background check for pistol permit holders; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 21st day of March 2025.

Dated: April 2, 2025
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York