



Resolution to Support Anonymous Gun Drop Off Program

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 16th day of May, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine,
Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Hendrickson and supported by Trustee Wisinski.

WHEREAS, gun violence is an epidemic in our country and has recently had a significant impact on our community through the active shooter incident at Michigan State University in February, the swatting incident at Okemos High School, and other incidents in our Township in the past several months; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of guns, weapons, and ammunition plays a major role in the continuation of the cycle of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township offers programs to its residents like the Anonymous Gun Drop Off Program, sponsored by our Police Department, that seek to keep the community safer by allowing residents to voluntarily and safely drop off weapons, firearms, and ammunition that they no longer wish to have; and

WHEREAS, these programs, while offered, are underutilized in part because of a lack of awareness that they are available to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board believes that we have a duty to ensure the safety of our community in any way possible, including by highlighting those programs that the Township already offers to keep our residents safe, and raising awareness for them by offering our formal support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that the Township Board continues to condemn acts of gun violence in our community and throughout our state; and,

FURTHER RESOLVE, that the Township Board has recognized the first Friday of June each year as National Gun Violence Awareness Day since 2020 and reaffirms that recognition in 2023; and,

FURTHER RESOLVE, that the Township Board supports programs provided by our Township that help to keep our community safe, gun-violence free, and allow our residents and visitors to enjoy all that our township has to offer; and,

FURTHER RESOLVE, that the Township Board offers its support to the Anonymous Gun Drop Off Program offered by the Township Police Department, and encourages any resident who has a firearm, weapon, or ammunition that they wish to dispose of to take advantage of this program.

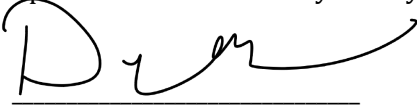
ADOPTED:

YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss:
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk for the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 16th day of May, 2023.



Deborah Guthrie
Meridian Township Clerk