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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 218, EXPANSION OF WEAPONS CARRY LICENSE RECIPROCITY.

WHEREAS, HB 218 would expand weapons carry license reciprocity in this state allowing those who do not live in Newton County to call upon the Newton County Probate Court to apply for a weapons carry license;

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation will also require the County's Probate Court to process weapons carry license applications on a first come, first serve basis. This would abolish the Court's social distancing practice requiring an appointment for applicants for a weapons carry license;

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation will cause undue pressure and financial strain on the Probate Court to hire new clerks, require an increase in office space to accommodate the increased number of applicants and other costs; and

WHEREAS, expanding weapons carry license reciprocity in the state of Georgia will put undue financial strain on probate courts limiting the ability of local governments to adequately budget for the increased costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Newton County Board of Commissioners that this governing body voices its opposition to HB 218, expansion of weapons carry license reciprocity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to each member of the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate representing Newton County and made available for distribution to the public and the press.

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:

Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:

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