



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 04/17/18 05:30 PM
Department: Tompkins County Legislature
Category: Public Safety
Functional Category:

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7727*

1 **A Resolution in Support of the Upcoming Gun Buyback Program**

2 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Sheriff and District Attorney have proposed holding an event to receive
3 and buy guns that are turned in from members of the public on June 9, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Airport
4 Fire and Rescue Building located on Airport grounds at 72 Brown Road, Ithaca, New York, and
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6 WHEREAS, Tompkins County has successfully held gun buyback events in prior years where members of the
7 public were able to surrender guns that are no longer wanted, with no questions asked, followed by the checking of the
8 guns to determine whether they may have been involved in any known criminal activity, storage for one year, and the
9 destruction of the guns, and
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11 WHEREAS, the District Attorney has determined that adequate funds are available in the forfeiture account to
12 fund the gun buybacks, and
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14 WHEREAS, the Sheriff has agreed to staff and supervise the event, including the parking areas outside of 72
15 Brown Road, and
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17 WHEREAS, without such an event, it may be difficult for many people to dispose of unwanted guns, leading
18 to situations where the guns are lost or left unsecured, and
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20 WHEREAS, providing a safe and secure pathway for members of the public to voluntarily dispose of guns that
21 they no longer wish to possess or store will prevent those guns from being used unsafely, thereby providing a useful
22 service to the community, now therefore be it
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24 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature
25 supports the proposed gun buyback program.

26 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**