

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IOWA COUNTY SHERIFF  
NOT TO ISSUE CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSES  
PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 214**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 214, currently being debated by the Wisconsin Legislature, would allow citizens to carry concealed weapons under certain conditions if properly licensed by a County Sheriff; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 214, as currently written, would require the County Sheriff's to be the licensing authority for applicants for a concealed weapons license which would require that background checks be completed prior to the issuance of a license as well as the revocation of licenses for violation of the license qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 214 as currently written, puts the burden of implementing this law on the counties with administrative costs to the Sheriff for licensing and monitoring compliance with license requirements and on the Clerk of Courts to provide notice to the Sheriff of all court proceedings that would require suspension or revocation of a license to carry a concealed weapon; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 214 allows County Boards to authorize the County Sheriff to "opt out" of the licensing procedure if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa County Sheriff and the Clerk of Courts have requested that the County Board vote to "opt out" of the licensing procedure because of the burdensome administrative costs of providing licensing and the potential liability to Iowa County if the Sheriff is the licensing authority; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Iowa County Sheriff is hereby not authorized to issue concealed weapons licenses if Senate Bill 214 becomes law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all members of the State Legislature representing Iowa County.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Courts, Justice and Law Enforcement,  
Jacob Ehr, Chairman.