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Subject: Whether proposed resolutions expressing the sentiment of Marshall County and McLean County on the Second Amendment rights of citizens to keep and bear arms would violate KRS 65.870.

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Syllabus: The proposed resolutions do not violate the provisions of KRS 65.870.

Statute construed: KRS 65.870

Opinion of the Attorney General

The Marshall County Attorney and the McLean County Attorney ask the Office of the Attorney General for an opinion whether resolutions being considered by their respective fiscal courts would violate Kentucky law, namely KRS 65.870. In both instances, the proposed resolutions state that the fiscal courts support the Second Amendment right of each county’s citizens to keep and bear arms. This Office concludes that such resolutions are permissible and do not violate KRS 65.870.

The Marshall County resolution, restated in full, provides: