



KENOSHA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

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| Subject: | |
| Resolution Calling on the State Legislature to Pass AB 137, Prohibiting No-Knock Warrants | |
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| Submitted by: Supervisors Rodriguez and Rose | |
| Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> | Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement |
| Prepared by: Supervisor Zach Rodriguez | Signature: |

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor was shot and killed when law enforcement officers executing a so-called “no-knock” warrant responded to a shot fired by her boyfriend as they forced their way into the apartment by firing thirty-two shots, six of which struck her, and;

WHEREAS, “no-knock” warrants are typically requested and issued in cases involving drug investigations where law enforcement believes they are necessary to prevent the destruction of evidence and ensure the safety of law enforcement, and;

WHEREAS, such warrants fly in the face of the historically held requirement that law enforcement must knock, announce their presence, and wait a reasonable amount of time for the subject of the warrant to allow entry before utilizing force to gain it, and;

WHEREAS, further such warrants, while permitted by current statutes and caselaw, actually do more to endanger the lives of citizens and law enforcement by creating the circumstances under which an individual, believing themselves to be the subject of an unprovoked attack may respond by defending themselves, their family and their home with deadly force, and;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 137, which would prohibit the use of “no-knock” warrants and generally restrict the hours during which search warrants could be executed to between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., has been introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature and is awaiting a hearing before the proper committee, and;

WHEREAS, as of this date no members of the Kenosha County legislative delegation have co-sponsored Assembly Bill 137, and;

WHEREAS, this is a commonsense proposal which will likely reduce the number of tragedies such as Breonna Taylor's, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors urges that the Wisconsin State Legislature adopt and Governor Evers sign AB 137, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors further urges that Kenosha County's legislative delegation become co-sponsors of AB 137, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Kenosha County's legislative delegation, all other Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Governor Evers.

Supervisor Zach Rodriguez

Supervisor Terry Rose

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:AyeNayAbstainExcused

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