

**LEE COUNTY BOARD  
DIXON, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING  
OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1192**

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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1192, introduced on January 24, 2025, by Senator Adriane Johnson, proposes amendments to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act and the Criminal Code of 2012, including revisions that expand the definition of “dangerous animal” to encompass species such as servals, caracals, kangaroos, wallabies, and their hybrids, intergrade, or cross; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1192 employs overly broad and ambiguous terminology—such as *hybrid*, *intergrade*, or *cross*—without clear scientific or legal definitions, potentially misclassifying domesticated animals and creating confusion in enforcement, compliance, and ownership rights; and

WHEREAS, the bill seeks to restrict the possession, custody, and property rights of individuals by limiting the locations where dangerous animals and primates may be lawfully maintained to federally licensed facilities, veterinary hospitals, or permitted hound running areas (the latter solely for the possession of coyotes), thereby preempting local regulatory authority; and

WHEREAS, SB 1192, if enacted, would impose undue burdens on Lee County residents, responsible animal owners, and local businesses by potentially interfering with established practices and local oversight regarding animal management and emergency veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill may inadvertently complicate the roles and responsibilities of animal control officers and the Lee County Sheriff’s Department—by imposing new restrictions on the handling, seizure, and care of designated dangerous animals—potentially leading to enforcement challenges, increased operational burdens, and unintended public safety and economic consequences within our community; and

WHEREAS Lee County believes that significant issues of local impact and practical administration should be carefully reviewed and debated at the local level before any state-wide mandates are enacted; and

WHEREAS, SB 1192 is pending legislation and is not yet law, thereby providing an opportunity for local governments and community stakeholders to express their opposition and request further review and amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the members of the Lee County Board, on behalf of the People of Lee County, Illinois states as follows:

1. The County Board opposes Senate Bill 1192 or any similar legislation that would undermine the County Board's local authority over animal ownership and veterinary care.
2. The County Board urges the Illinois General Assembly to abandon any efforts to advance Senate Bill 1192.
3. The County Board urges Governor Pritzker to veto Senate Bill 1192 or any similar bill should the General Assembly pass such legislation.
4. The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Pritzker, the legislative leaders of both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly, and the representatives and senators representing this County.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lee County Clerk