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### Happy New Year!

With the coming of 2022, Im4Rights, LLC is going into its third year of existence, and hopefully the business will see an increased effectiveness in the fight for our ever diminishing rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our new year's resolution is to have a positive impact on the retention of existing rights and the recovery of those that have already gone by the wayside. Im4Rights is a single member LLC, so in that respect resources are limited, especially since I must ply away at my day job for a couple more years. The day job keeps the bills paid and allows me to keep Im4Rights afloat until I can devote more time and effort to it. In the meantime, you can help by recommending us to others who treasure freedom and wish to preserve it. I appreciate all the followers of Im4Rights across its various platforms, and my wish is that 2022 is a healthy, happy, and prosperous year for you all.

## Red Dawn – A Movie Trilogy?

I recently watched the 2012 remake of the classic 1984 movie, 'Red Dawn.' I'm sure many of you have seen one or both of the movies, so I won't bore you with a recap, other than to say that in both movies a group of scrappy young people take the offensive in defending their hometowns against Russians (1984) and North Koreans (2012) as World War III is getting cranked up. While watching the remake (which was nowhere near as good as the original), it dawned on me (pun intended) that there needs to be third installment where the plot goes like this; the Russians take over Ukraine and simultaneously the Chinese invade Taiwan, all while the US does not lift a finger. Instead, US forces attack rogue states where freedom still exists outside the tyranny of the Federal government, and a group of scrappy young people use gorilla-warfare tactics to beat back the invaders. It's a scary proposition, but given the times we live in, it's not beyond the pale.

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#### Florida Lacks Constitutional Carry...

If you count Tennessee's watered-down version of Constitutional Carry, twenty-one states have beaten Florida to the punch on this issue, with Utah, Montana, Iowa, Tennessee, and Texas all passing Constitutional Carry in 2021 alone. The supposed free state of Florida, despite having Republican majorities its House and Senate has failed to get a Constitutional Carry bill to the Republican Governor's desk. According to Matt Collins, Director of Legislation for Florida Gun Rights, Governor DeSantis has said he will sign such a bill if it gets to his desk.

While on the surface this sounds encouraging, anti-2A Republicans are working behind the scenes to kill <u>HB 103</u>: <u>Carrying of Firearms Without Licenses</u>, which was filed for a second year in a row by Rep. Anthony Sabatini (R) in September 2021. Speaker of the House, Chris Sprowls (R), is giving marching orders to the various committee chairs to let the bill languish without an up or down vote. Sadly, there is also no companion bill in the Senate, which would be necessary in order to get a final bill to the Governor's desk. Finally, Governor DeSantis is not using the bully pulpit of his office to demand the legislature get this or any other pro-2A bills to his desk. DeSantis has proved wishy-washy on the Second Amendment despite his campaign rhetoric.

Florida is poised, once again, to do nothing to pass pro-2A legislation, protecting the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms. The lack of noise from the citizenry is taken by the politicos as tacit approval of their inaction towards protecting the Second Amendment. If you live in Florida, contact your legislators and the members of the House <u>Criminal Justice & Public Safety</u> <u>Subcommittee</u>. Urge them to pass HB 103 and create a companion bill in the Senate.

#### Prepare for Uncertain Times...

"Chance favors only the prepared mind." – Louis Pasteur

#### "Be Prepared!" - Boy Scout Motto

Certainly, these statements are words to live by, and whether you are facing a natural disaster, economic/political instability, or another man-made catastrophe, preparedness and luck are essential ingredients to making it through those hard times. Trouble always starts somewhere, and unless you have unfailing clairvoyance, you may find yourself at ground zero where sheer luck may decide whether you survive the initial event. In other words, all the preparation in the world may not save you, but if you are lucky enough to survive, your future will depend on your ability to deal with the issues at hand. This is where a basic level of preparedness gives you a fighting chance. Locals supporters, keep reading below for what preparedness means to me.