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Rev. Hyung Jin "Sean" Moon presents a resolution to county commissioners

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Rev. Hyung-Jin Sean Moon, addressing the Pike County Commissioners, Oct. 15. News Eagle photo

MILFORD - The Commissioners of Pike County were asked October 15th by the Rev. Hyung-Jin Sean Moon to take a stand on national threats to Constitutional liberty.

Rev. Moon, who relatively recently located in Pike County, pastors the Sanctuary Church in Newfoundland. He and several of his supporters were at the Commissioners meeting, where he read aloud a resolution.

He asked the Commissioners to consider signing it to defend the Constitutional rights of Pike County citizens, who he said under current law, are under the potential threat of losing due process.

He stated the he was representing both his church and PANDA Unite, which refers to "People Against National Defense Authorization" Act (NDAA).

On December 31, 2011, President Obama signed into law the NDAA for 2012. The NDAA

specifies the budget and expenditures of the United States Department of Defense.

Controversial provisions that have received wide attention were found in subsections 1021–1022 of Title X, Subtitle D, entitled "Counter-Terrorism". This authorizes the indefinite military detention of persons the government suspects of involvement in terrorism, including U.S. Citizens arrested on American soil.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has also taken aim at these provisions and their impact on civil liberties.

"NDAA is the most racist, prejudiced, bigoted law in the United States," Rev. Moon warned, stating Americans can be detained without due process. He cited the abuses during World War II where Asian Americans were imprisoned.

He reminded Commissioners Richard Caridi and Matthew Oseterberg (Commissioner Karl Wagner was away) that they have taken an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution. He already mailed the document, "Restoring Constitutional Governance Resolution of Pike County, Pennsylvania" to Caridi.

"The Laws of War don't apply to Pike County," the Reverend stated.

Chairman Caridi said he received the document and promised to read it over again. He assured there was no variance on their part in regard to allegiance to the Constitution. He said they have not dealt with national issues before.

The Chairman added that they would not take this frivolously. "I grieve for our nation," Caridi said. "Our rights are constantly being trampled." He said they would take their request under advisement.

The resolution states, that Pike County asks the State Legislature to intercede on behalf of its citizens against federal "unconstitutional usurpations" and to defend the "unalienable natural rights of the people."

Further, it states that Pike county request their Congressional delegation to start immediately with efforts to repeal the unconstitutional sections of the 2012 NDAA, namely sections 1021 and 1022 and any other section or provision which have similar effect on American citizens not serving in the military during time of war or public danger.

The resolution concludes by Pike County requesting their Congressional delegation to not only not authorize these provisions but prohibit the use of military force, military detention, military trial, extraordinary rendition, or any other power of the 'law of war' against its citizens who are not in the Armed Forces during war time.

Hyung-Jin Sean Moon is the youngest son of the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. The elder Rev. Moon, who was born in South Korea, died in 2012 at the age of 92.

Rev. Sean Moon was picked to head the Unification Church in 2008.

Rev. Sean Moon's brother Kook-Jin Justin Moon is owner and CEO of Kahr Arms. The firearms manufacturer is in the process of relocating corporate offices from New York State to Blooming Grove Township, Pike County.

The full text of the proposed resolution is below.

Text of the "Restoring Constitutional Governance Resolution of Pike

County Pennsylvania" provided to the County Commissioners in October 2014, by Rev. Sean Moon:

"WHEREAS, Pike County is not a 'battlefield' subject to the 'laws of war;' and "WHEREAS, Federal Judge Kathleen Forrest has ruled Section 1021 of the 2012 NDAA is unconstitutional; and

"WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court has ruled that neither Congress nor the President can constitutionally authorize the detention and/or disposition of any person in the United States, or citizen of the United States "under the law of war" who is not serving "in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger," and

"WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, the terms 'arrest,' 'capture,' 'detention under the law of war,' 'disposition under the law of war,' and 'law of war' are used in the same sense and shall have the same meaning as such terms have in the 2012 NDAA, Section 1021; and therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any treaty, federal, state, or local law or authority, enacted or claimed, including, but not limited to, an authorization for use of military force, national defense authorization act, or any similar law or authority enacted or claimed by Congress or the Office of the President directed at any person in Pike County who is not serving 'in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger,' it is unconstitutional, and therefore unlawful for any person to: "a. arrest or capture any person in Pike County, or citizen of Pike County within the United States, with the intent of 'detention under the law of war,' or "b. actually subject a person in Pike County to 'disposition under the law of war,' or "c. subject any person to targeted killing in Pike County, or citizen of Pike County within the United States; and be it further "RESOLVED, that Pike County requests the Pennsylvania State Legislature recognize the duty of the state of Pennsylvania to interpose itself between unconstitutional usurpations by the federal government or its agents and the people of this state, as well as the duty to defend the unalienable natural rights of the people, all of which is consistent with our oaths to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that Pike County requests our Congressional delegation commence immediately with efforts to repeal the unconstitutional sections of the 2012 NDAA, to-wit, sections 1021 and 1022, and any other section or provision which will have the same or substantially the same effect on any person in the United States not serving 'in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger;' and be it finally

"RESOLVED, that Pike County requests our Congressional delegation to introduce, support, and secure the passage of legislation which clearly states that Congress not only does not authorize but in fact prohibits the use of military force, military detention, military trial, extraordinary rendition, or any other power of the 'law of war' against any person in the United States not serving 'in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.'"