



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AMELIA COUNTY  
IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;” and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia provides “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power;” and

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly and already introduced or discussed in advance of the 2020 session, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could, if passed, potentially have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amelia County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Amelia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amelia County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Amelia County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amelia County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Amelia County to bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amelia County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand in favor of our Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to restrict such rights.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Amelia County that the Board hereby expresses its strong and unwavering support for the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms pursuant to the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and strongly urges the members of the General Assembly and the Governor to take no action that would violate the rights and freedoms guaranteed in both Constitutions.

Adopted this 18th day of December 2019.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Gleason, Chairman  
Amelia County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Taylor Harvie III, Clerk