

# Caroline County, Virginia

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### RESOLUTION OF CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**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**, legislation considered at the state and federal levels potentially could 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 Caroline County Board of Supervisors wishes to oppose the passage of any bill containing language which would unlawfully infringe the rights of the citizens of Caroline County to keep and bear arms or unconstitutionally restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Caroline County; and,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Caroline County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use reasonable legal means at its disposal to protect the constitutional rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including, its power to not appropriate public funds to violate such rights, and its recognition of citizens' right to petition for redress of grievances.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:**

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Caroline County and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to unlawfully restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Caroline County to bear arms; and

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such reasonable means as may be approved by the Board hereafter; and,

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Caroline County, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Caroline, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on December 10, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

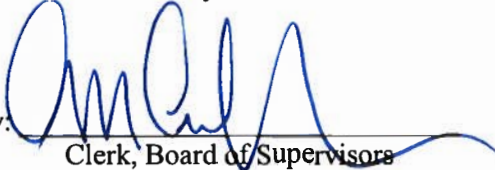
Aye: Jeffrey S. Black  
Clayton T. Forehand  
Nancy L. Long  
Jeffery M. Sili  
Reginald L. Underwood

Nay: Floyd W. Thomas

Abstentions: N/A

Absent: N/A

Attested this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

By:   
Clerk, Board of Supervisors