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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING THE TOWN OF CHILHOWIE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

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 certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress 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 Town of Chilhowie Town Council is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of the Town of Chilhowie to keep and bear arms or could being a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the Town of Chilhowie; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie Town Council wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of the Town of Chilhowie to keep and bear arms; and,



**PROVIDING SERVICE SINCE 1913 TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE TOWN OF CHILHOWIE AND OF SMYTH AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.**



WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie Town Council wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of the Town of Chilhowie to bear arms: and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie Town Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Chilhowie, to extent permitted by law, here by expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of citizens of the Town of Chilhowie and its intent that public funds of the Town not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of the Town of Chilhowie to bear arms; and,

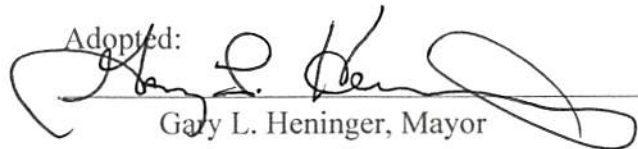
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby declares the Town of Chilhowie, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

Approved this 12th day of December, 2019



Adopted:


Gary L. Heninger, Mayor

Attest:


Marlene L. Henderson, Clerk