



**A RESOLUTION IN AFFIRMATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE  
AND REGARDING A COMMITMENT TO RESPECT, PRESERVE, UPHOLD,  
AND ENFORCE THE SECOND AMENDMENT (US CONSTITUTION)  
AND ART. 1, § 13 (VA CONSTITUTION)**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, § 15.2-1522 provides that every elected County officer, unless otherwise provided by law, on or before the day on which his term of office begins, shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed by § 49-1;

**WHEREAS** the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, § 49-1 prescribes the Oath of Office of the members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Culpeper, Virginia, as follows: I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as an elected member of the Board of Supervisors according to the best of my ability, so help me God;

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of the United States at Amendment II expressly states that 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;

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of Virginia at Article I, § 13 expressly states 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;

**WHEREAS** there is concern that unconstitutional or unlawful legislation, which infringes upon the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Article 1, § 13) and the United States (Amendment II), or which has the tendency to infringe upon or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms, may be introduced in the legislative sessions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or the United States Congress; and,

**WHEREAS** there is concern that unconstitutional or unlawful executive and administrative action or enactments, which infringe upon the rights of the citizens under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Article 1, § 13) and the United States (Amendment II), or which have the tendency to infringe upon or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms, are being considered by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or the offices and agencies under his control.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF CULPEPER, VIRGINIA THAT:**

1. As a body collective, the Board hereby affirms the Oath of Office pursuant to the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, § 49-1 committing to support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon the Board to the best of its ability;

2. The Board of Supervisors expresses its commitment by any and all legal means to Respect, Preserve, Uphold, and Enforce the Second of Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, § 13 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the fullest extent permitted by law<sup>1</sup>;

3. The Board of Supervisors implores the Virginia General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Government vigilantly to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Article 1, § 13) and the United States (Amendment II) by rejecting any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms;

4. The Board of Supervisors expresses its commitment to oppose unconstitutional and unlawful legislation and proposed restrictions that infringe upon the right of its citizens to keep and bear arms, or which have the tendency to infringe upon or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms, through any and all legal means, as may be expedient, including without limitation, court action;

5. The Board of Supervisors directs staff to forward a copy of this Resolution to the County's elected representatives in the Virginia General Assembly and the United States Congress, and to the Governor of Virginia; and,

6. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares the County of Culpeper, Virginia a "Constitutional County".

Be it so resolved and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2019.

VOTING AYE (*alphabetically*):

**The Honorable William C. Chase, Jr.**

**The Honorable Gary Deal**

**The Honorable C. Jack Frazier**

**The Honorable Alexa Fritz**

**The Honorable Sue D. Hansohn**

**The Honorable Brad C. Rosenberger**

**The Honorable Steven L. Walker**

VOTING NAY: **None**

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<sup>1</sup> Nothing herein this Resolution is intended to declare any intent or effectuate any act, present or prospective, by the Board or any County officer or employee in contravention of law, including but not limited to Va. Code Ann., §15.2-915.

ABSTAINING: **None**


ABSENT: **None**

Witness this signature and seal.

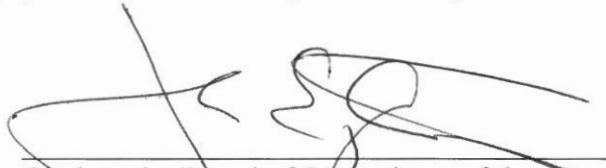


The Honorable Brad C. Rosenberger, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors of Culpeper County, Virginia

ATTEST:

  
John C. Egerton

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Culpeper, Virginia, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Culpeper, Virginia at its regular meeting held on December 3, 2019.

  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Culpeper, Virginia