

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County, following a public hearing, held in the Boardroom of the Hanover County Administration Building on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. Canova Peterson, Chairman  
Mr. Scott A. Wyatt, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Sean M. Davis  
Mr. Wayne T. Hazzard  
Ms. Faye Prichard  
Mr. Aubrey M. Stanley  
Absent: Mrs. Angela Kelly-Wiecek

### **RESOLUTION OF THE HANOVER 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 1, 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 Hanover County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage in future Legislative Sessions of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing upon the rights of the citizens of Hanover County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Board of Supervisors recognizes those many businesses and shooting ranges in Hanover County, such as Green Top Sporting Goods, Bass Pro Shops, Hi Caliber Manufacturing, TTi International, Ashland Gun Innovations, Paladin Strategic, Cavalier Gun and Rifle Club, K.C. Young's Gun Shop, and Green Top Shooting Range, who not only advocate firearm safety but contribute tax revenue to the citizens of Hanover County; and

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

WHEREAS, Hanover County has a long standing reputation as a well governed, law abiding community whose Sheriff's Department has established an extremely high bar as an accredited law enforcement agency acknowledged throughout the Commonwealth, the Nation, and the International Community; and

WHEREAS, Hanover County wishes to affirm its long tradition of living by the rule of law and recognizing that the overriding law of all is the Constitution, including Amendments, of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors has sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia to the best of their abilities, and

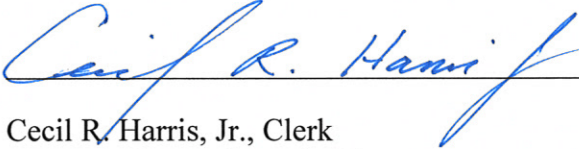
WHEREAS, the Hanover County Board of Supervisors wishes to affirm its intent to meet its obligation to uphold these key legal documents governing our Nation and Commonwealth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby express its intent to stand in full support of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia and will oppose and challenge, to the full extent of the law, any and all efforts by any person, organization, or governing body to infringe on the rights guaranteed by these constitutions to its citizens, including the right to keep and bear arms as defined in the Second Amendment, and will accept no efforts to change or diminish these rights except through the amendment process as prescribed in said Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. Davis, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this Resolution, as follows:

	Vote:
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Aye
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Absent
Faye O. Prichard	No
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Scott A. Wyatt	Aye

Date: December 12, 2019

  
Cecil R. Harris, Jr., Clerk  
Hanover County Board of Supervisors