

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON, VIRGINIA DECLARING THE TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON AS A "SECOND AMENDMENT (U.S. CONSTITUTION) AND ARTICLE I, SECTION 13 (CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA) SANCTUARY"

INTRODUCTION

Declaration of Independence: The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Constitution of Virginia Article I, Section 1: That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

Constitution of Virginia Article I, Section 2: That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them.

RESOLUTION

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, the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council is concerned and wishes to address "gun violence" in the US, not by singling out and criminalizing one of many tools but rather by addressing the rising culture of violence through improved mental-health services, augmented training for law enforcement officers and outreach to families and neighborhoods under stress; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has been introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation which has (or may be) introduced in 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 of Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) of the citizens of the Town of Mount Jackson to keep and bear arms; and,


WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary Town for the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) rights and 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 such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

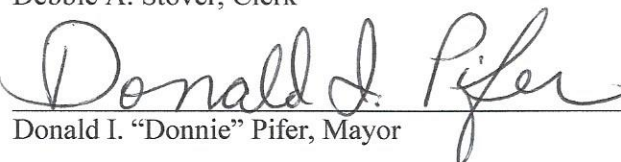
WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council acknowledges that the judicial system will ultimately resolve matters of law, the Council also recognizes its civic duty to reflect the sense of its constituents to the Virginia General Assembly and respect those views by actively opposing infringement of the Constitution's Second Amendment until and unless the judicial system confirms the constitutionality of pertinent legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON, VIRGINIA, that the Council hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) rights of the citizens of the Town of Mount Jackson and opposes creation of any laws that restrict those rights; and, that public funds of the Town of Mount Jackson shall not be used to aid in the unnecessary or unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) of the citizens of the Town of Mount Jackson to keep and bear arms; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby declare the Town of Mount Jackson, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) Sanctuary".

PASSED by the Council of the Town of Mount Jackson, Virginia on this 13th day of January, 2020.


Debbie A. Stover, Clerk


Donald I. "Donnie" Pifer, Mayor