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**RESOLUTION R2019-49**  
**NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

**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 publicly proposed for the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly 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 Article 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing on the rights of the citizens of Nelson County to keep and bear arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Nelson County; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to laws which would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Nelson County to keep and bear arms; and,'

**WHEREAS**, the Nelson Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights 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 rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors proudly reaffirm their oath of office: To solemnly swear 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 us, to the best of our abilities, so help us God.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is directed to send forthwith an attested copy of this Resolution to State Senator R. Creigh Deeds and Delegates Matt Fariss and John Avoli.

Adopted: December 10, 2019

Attest:  Clerk,  
Nelson County Board of Supervisors