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RESOLUTION

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 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;... 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 current Governor of Virginia has stated that he intends to endorse and pass into law legislation that, we believe, may be construed unconstitutional as it pertains to the rights enumerated in the United States & Virginia Constitutions; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Page 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 Page County to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Page County Board of Supervisors wish to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment 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.

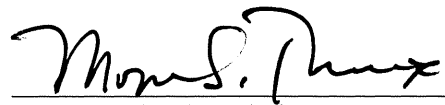
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:**

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to support the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Page County, Virginia and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights and/or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Page County, Virginia to bear arms; and

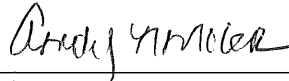
That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its opposition to unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms; and,

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Page County, Virginia as a “Second Amendment Sanctuary.”

This Resolution was adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of December, 2019.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, Clerk