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SECOND AMENDMENT 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, CERTAIN LEGISLATION TO BE POTENTIALLY INTRODUCED IN THE 2020 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 SIGN IN TO LAW LEGISLATION THAT IS UNDESIRABLE TO MOST TOWN RESIDENTS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE RIGHTS ENUMERATED IN THE U.S. AND VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONS, AND

WHEREAS, THE SALTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE PASSAGE OF ANY BILL CONTAINING LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS INFRINGING ON THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS OR RESTRICT THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF SALTVILLE, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF SALTVILLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO ANY LAW THAT WOULD RESTRICT THE RIGHTS UNDER THE SECOND AMENDMENT FOR CITIZENS OF THE TOWN TO BEAR ARMS, AND

WHEREAS, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW, THE TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO STAND FOR SECOND AMENDMENTS RIGHTS AND TO OPPOSE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EFFORTS TO RESTRICT SUCH RIGHTS, AND TO USE MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, INCLUDING LEGAL ACTION, APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, AND THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS INTENT TO UPHOLD THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AND ITS INTENT THAT PUBLIC FUNDS OF THE TOWN NOT BE USED TO RESTRICT SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OR TO AID IN RESTRICTION OF CITIZENS RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, AND

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DECLARES ITS INTENT TO OPPOSE RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS THROUGH LEGAL MEANS INCLUDING COURT ACTION, AND

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DECLARES SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA TO BE A SUPPORTER OF OUR CITIZENS' SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

COUNCILMAN HOLLEY: AYE


COUNCILMAN ROBINSON: AYE

COUNCILMAN CALL: AYE

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: AYE

COUNCILMAN SURBER: AYE

COUNCILMAN ORR: AYE


C. TODD YOUNG, MAYOR