

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 17 day of December, 2019:

MEMBERS:

Gary F. Snellings, Chairman
L. Mark Dudenhefer, Vice Chairman
Meg Bohmke
Jack R. Cavalier
Thomas C. Coen
Wendy E. Maurer
Cindy C. Shelton

VOTE:

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

On motion of Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, which carried by a vote of 7 to 0, the following was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS TO KEEP AND BEAR
ARMS

WHEREAS, Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States reads, “[a] well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the rights of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia states, “[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 Board is concerned that unconstitutional or unlawful legislation, which infringes upon the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States, or which has the tendency to infringe upon or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, has or may be introduced in the legislative sessions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that unconstitutional or unlawful executive and administrative actions or enactments, which infringe upon the rights of the citizens

under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States, or which have the tendency to infringe upon or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, may be or are being considered by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or the offices and agencies under his control; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Stafford County to keep and bear arms by standing as a sanctuary for Second Amendment rights and to stand in opposition, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, to any efforts to unconstitutionally and unlawfully restrict such rights;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 17 day of December 2019, that it be and hereby does proclaim and declare Stafford County, Virginia a Second Amendment Sanctuary, in which the rights of the citizens of Stafford County to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia are upheld; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board opposes any and all laws that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Stafford County to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board implores the Virginia General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Government to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States by rejecting any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to the County's elected representatives in the Virginia General Assembly and the United States Congress, and to the Governor of Virginia.

A Copy, teste:


Thomas C. Foley
County Administrator