



**At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sussex, held at the Courthouse thereof, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2019.**

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**PRESENT:**

Keith C. Blowe  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
Susan B. Seward  
John A. Stringfield  
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

**VOTE:**

aye  
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**R-19-166: In Support of Second Amendment Rights**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FLY, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: **RESOLVED** that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves resolution in support of second amendment rights; to-wit

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 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 Sussex County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which unconstitutionally infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Sussex County; and

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

WHEREAS, the Sussex 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 Sussex County to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Board of Supervisors wishes 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 constitutional rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Sussex County, Virginia and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to unconstitutionally restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Sussex County, Virginia to bear arms; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action; and that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Sussex County, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

***A COPY TESTE:***



Vandy W. Jones III, Clerk