

**RE: Resolution In Support Of Second Amendment Rights**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**AFFIRMING THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Tappahannock Town Council have taken an oath to defend and uphold the constitution of the United States of America and Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

**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 Virginia Constitution reads: “That a well-regulated militia, compose 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,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has no legislative, regulatory or enforcement authority related to “the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying, storage or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof,” as provided by Section 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and has no authority over the independent execution of the duties of the constitutional officers involved in law enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is concerned that introduced and future legislation , if passed, could infringe upon the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1 Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of Tappahannock fully affirms its support of the rights ensured and protected by the constitutions of the United States of America and Commonwealth of Virginia, including the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and,

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Town Council urges the Virginia General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights 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, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Tappahannock Town Council does not intend to support or allocate resources that infringe on the Constitutional rights of citizens, and hereby declare Essex County, Virginia, as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County; and

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Tappahannock Town Council directs its staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County’s elected representatives in the Virginia Assembly, the United States Congress, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

*Resolution – Second Amendment (adopted by Essex County)*

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**Roy M. Gladding, Mayor**

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**Patsy K. Scates, Town Clerk**