



COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA



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RESOLUTION 2019-33

SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

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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; 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 CURRENT GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA HAS STATED THAT HE INTENDS TO ENDORSE AND SIGN IN TO LAW LEGISLATION THAT IS UNDESIRABLE TO MOST COUNTY RESIDENTS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE RIGHTS ENUMERATED IN THE U.S. AND VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONS, AND

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

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AND

WHEREAS, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WISHES TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO ANY LAW THAT WOULD RESTRICT THE RIGHTS UNDER THE SECOND AMENDMENT FOR CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BEAR ARMS, AND

WHEREAS, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WISHES TO STAND AS A SANCTUARY COUNTY 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.

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

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 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 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY DECLARES WASHINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY.

DONE THIS THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MR. MCCALL:	AYE
MR. PENNINGTON:	AYE
MS. MAYS:	AYE
MR. COPENHAVER:	AYE
MR. RUSH:	AYE
MR. HERNANDEZ:	AYE
MR. BALL:	AYE



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