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RESOLUTION OF WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

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 that has or may be 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 Article 1 Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Wise County to keep and bear arms, and

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

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia of the Citizens of Wise County to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wish to express its intent to support and defend the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia as to the rights of the citizens of Wise County 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 right of the citizens to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the rights of the citizens of Wise County, Virginia granted by Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia and further expresses its intent that public funds of Wise County, its resources and assets not be used to restrict rights granted by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights granted by Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia of the citizens of Wise County, Virginia to bear arms; and

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

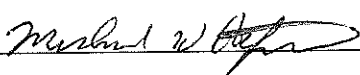
That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Wise County, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary,"

And further that the Wise County Board of Supervisors urges our Delegates, Senators, and the Governor to oppose the passage of any state laws that infringe upon the rights of the law-abiding citizens of the Commonwealth under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and under Article I, Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution.

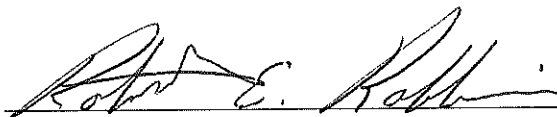
ADOPTED this the 12th day of December 2019.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk



Robert E. Robbins, Vice-Chair