

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, among the Board of Supervisors many duties, that of protecting the citizens of Fresno County from harm is a top priority; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of numerous laws passed by the California Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom, violent criminals are being released throughout the State including Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the law-abiding people of Fresno County have the right to protect themselves and their loved ones from violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Fresno County has affirmed his support of our citizens to legally arm themselves for safety and, if desired, obtain a Concealed Carry Permit by following established County procedures; and

WHEREAS, in addition to releasing violent criminals, each year the State Legislature and Governor pass laws restricting the ability of law-abiding citizens to exercise their Constitutionally protected right to “keep and bear arms” as set forth in the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the California Legislature has passed laws that will be determined by the courts to be unconstitutional under the Second Amendment, and it continues to pass laws that will be determined by the courts to infringe, unconstitutionally, upon people’s rights under the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Article III., Section 1. of the California Constitution, provides, in part, that “the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land.”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors have affirmed an Oath of Office which includes supporting and defending the United States Constitution, in its entirety, including the Second Amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors supports and defends the Second Amendment for all Fresno County residents, including their right to lawfully own a firearm, if they should so choose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent allowed by law, the Board of Supervisors may use all lawful means to prohibit, by resolution or ordinance, any Fresno County Department, Officer, or Employee acting in their official capacity, from applying for grants, spending County public funds, using County public resources or County public employees, that directly or indirectly support any past, present, or future, state or federal infringement on the Second Amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors will use all lawful means at its disposal to support and defend the Second Amendment, this Resolution, and all County Officials acting in accordance with this Resolution.