



**A RESOLUTION
RESPECTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND DECLARING THE COUNTY OF KING
GEORGE, VIRGINIA A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of the Republic and the States; and,

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Bill of Rights, authored by James Madison of King George, Virginia, provides that “the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution; 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 Constitution of Virginia also 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;” and,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of Virginia reads “That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into the state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;” and,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia reads “that all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them;” and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), again affirmed the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, and that, having been incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the protections of the Second Amendment are enforceable against the states; and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has been introduced or proposed in the Virginia General Assembly, would infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the current Governor of Virginia has stated that he intends to endorse and sign into law legislation that is unconstitutional as it pertains to the rights enumerated in the Constitutions of the United States and Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King George County and its citizens are concerned about the potential passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of the County to keep and bear arms or could enable restrictions of the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King George County is committed to the rights of all citizens of King George County lawfully to keep and bear Arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King George County opposes any law that would restrict the rights of the citizens of King George County lawfully to bear arms, in violation of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King George County intends 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 unconstitutionally to restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of 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 THE COUNTY OF KING GEORGE, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors of King George County, Virginia hereby declares King George County, Virginia, a "Second Amendment Sanctuary"; and,

That the Board of Supervisors of King George County, Virginia shall uphold and defend the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of King George County, Virginia; and,

That the Board of Supervisors of King George County, Virginia intends that public funds, resources, employees, lands, buildings, or offices of the County shall not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the County, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights; and,

That the Board of Supervisors of King George County, Virginia intends to oppose any infringement upon the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, legal action.

By: _____
Jeffrey Bueche, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of King George, Virginia

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of King George, Virginia, hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during a public meeting on December ____, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

Jeff Bueche, Chairman	_____
Cathy Binder, Vice-Chair	_____
Richard Granger	_____
Ruby Brabo	_____
John Jenkins	_____

ATTEST: _____
Neiman Young, Ph.D, Clerk