

## Columbus County Resolution for Second Amendment Rights

Whereas, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from many levels of Government; and,

Whereas, it is further recognized that the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the land, and the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees individuals have the right to keep and bear arms in a manner that shall not be infringed; and,

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has, through multiple rulings, upheld an individual's right to keep and bear arms when federal, state, and local laws have sought to restrict this right; and,

Whereas, the right to bear arms is necessary for self-defense, the defense of others including family members, the protection of individual liberty, and for the preservation of our United States Constitution; and,

Whereas, according to the Declaration of Independence, we are afforded the "God-given" rights of personal security, personal liberty and private property, and should we ever allow this foundation to be eroded and lose faith that these rights are a gift directly from God to each individual, then we lose the basis of the greatness of the miracle of America; and,

Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to protecting Columbus County Citizens' Second Amendment Rights; and,

Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law, regulation, or other act that would infringe on the Second Amendment Rights of Columbus County Citizens; and,

Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners expresses its intent for Columbus County to stand as a Constitutional Rights Protection County for Second Amendment Rights by opposing any efforts by any entity to restrict these Rights. Opposition will include any means available under the U.S. Constitution and the laws of North Carolina including the withholding of funds, direction of County employees, legal action, and other means as deemed necessary and legal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners declares Columbus County a Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection County and declares that Columbus County Government will respect and defend the Second Amendment Rights of County Citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of all citizens to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution and further implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to reject 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 bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbus County Government will utilize all legal means necessary to protect the Second Amendment Rights of Columbus County citizens including, but not limited to, legal action.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

Attested By:

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June B. Hall, Clerk to Board