

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PROTECTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS
IN WILKES COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are "God-given" rights and that it is a law of nature that every creature can defend its life from threats; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to protecting Wilkes County citizens' Second Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its opposition to any law, regulation, or other act that would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners previously expressed its support for the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens through that Resolution Expressing Support for Preservation of the Right to Bear Arms which was unanimously adopted on the 1st day of March, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners desires to reiterate its strong support for said rights as expressed in the Resolution of March 1, 2013, and now desires to state its intent that Wilkes County 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 Wilkes County Board of Commissioners declares Wilkes County a Second Amendment **Constitutional Rights Protection County** and declares that Wilkes County Government will respect and defend the Second Amendment rights of County citizens.

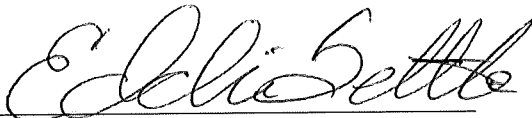
The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of all citizens to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution, and further implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States 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.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, in support of the foregoing, hereby declares its intent that Wilkes County Government shall not authorize or appropriate government funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, or offices for the purpose of enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of any element of such acts, laws, orders, mandates, rules, or regulations that infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms as described in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners further declares its intent that Wilkes County Government shall utilize all legal means necessary to protect the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens, including but not limited to legal action.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

WILKES COUNTY

By: 
Eddie D. Settle, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Sarah D. Call, Clerk

