

MEEKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2ND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION
Resolution #2020-13

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, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirming 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 United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Ill.*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), holding that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is applicable to the states, and

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in 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 to the United States Constitution, and

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

WHEREAS, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Meeker County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Meeker County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a Second Amendment Preservation County for rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Meeker County, Minnesota:

That the Meeker County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Meeker County, Minnesota, as a Second Amendment Preservation County, and

That the Meeker County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Meeker County, Minnesota, and

That the Meeker County Board of Commissioners does hereby take full consideration of the Constitutional rights of Meeker County citizens to keep and bear arms when making decisions appropriating Meeker County resources; and

That the Meeker County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient.

	YEA	NAY
Commissioner Oberg	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Tacheny	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Larson	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Housman	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Schmitt	<u>✓</u>	_____

WHEREUPON, the above resolution was passed and adopted by the Meeker County Board of Commissioners on this 21st day of July, 2020.

By: Bryan W. Larson
 Bryan Larson, Meeker County Board Chair

Attest: Paul J. Virnig
 Paul Virnig, County Board Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA

MEEKER COUNTY

I, Paul J. Virnig, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of July, 2020, at 8:30 AM, that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect, pursuant to the votes as recorded above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 21st day of July, 2020, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

Paul J. Virnig
 County Board Clerk

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