

Cynthia Ryan
Asst. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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,

FLOYD COUNTY:

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any law containing language which could be interpreted as infringing upon the rights of the citizens of Floyd County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the individual rights to keep and bear arms as enshrined in the United States and Virginia Constitutions, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors is mindful of the deep cultural and historic roots of hunting within the Commonwealth and the County of Floyd, which precede the founding of the United States, as well as the many conservation and wildlife management benefits to be derived from responsible game management through hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all law-abiding citizens of Floyd County to keep and bear arms as constitutionally protected; and,

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to and to discourage the enactment of any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Floyd County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors is aware of Virginia Code § 15.2-915, and recognizes the limitations on localities contained therein, and wishes to express its intent that this resolution be construed in keeping therewith, and further wishes to express its intent that, in the event that the General Assembly repeals said statute or otherwise empowers localities to adopt local restrictions or regulations on firearms, that it is the intent to the Board of Supervisors, as currently composed, not to adopt any new restrictions on the right to bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such reasonable and legal means as the Floyd County Board of Supervisors may hereafter approve to protect the rights of the citizens of Floyd County to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County Virginia: That the Floyd County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Floyd County, Virginia as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary" for the purposes described above; and,

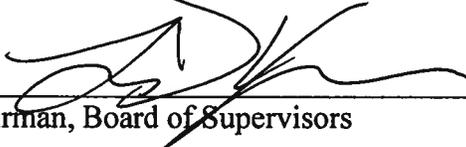
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Floyd County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Floyd County, Virginia; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Floyd County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent that public funds are not used to unconstitutionally restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Floyd County, or to aid federal or state agencies in the unconstitutional restriction of said rights; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Floyd County Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement, within the limitations imposed by law upon local governments, on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, using such reasonable and legal means as the Floyd County Board of Supervisors may hereafter approve; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the undersigned clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Floyd, hereby certifies that the resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on December 10, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

Supervisor Boothe - *yes*
Supervisor Coleman - *yes*
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - *yes*
Supervisor Turman - *yes*
Supervisor Yoder - *yes*



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST



Terri W. Morris
County Administrator