

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

A Resolution in the Matter
of Supporting Second
Amendment Rights



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WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "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 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County feel that public recognition of the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty should be upheld; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County also recognizes that the first and last protectors of the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon are the people of the United States and Oregon, and that the ability of the people to fulfill that role rests in large part on the people's right to bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the significant majority of all lawfully owned firearms in the United States will not be used in a crime in any given year; and

WHEREAS, state and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing and even confiscation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve as follows:

1. Clackamas County strongly affirms our commitment to the rights and liberties enshrined within the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon, especially the right to keep and bear arms; and

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2. Clackamas County opposes any state or federal law that abridges or is contrary to the provisions of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
3. Clackamas County strongly supports the right of the people to keep and bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of America, and Oregon as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme Court, and vigorously opposes any state or federal law that unconstitutionally restricts these rights; and
4. Clackamas County encourages gun owners to bear and store their firearms responsibly, safely and in a manner in accordance with the law.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2015

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary