

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Resolution Supporting)
the Second Amendment and Article 1,)
Section 27 Rights)

R E S O L U T I O N

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This matter came before the Board of Commissioners for Tillamook County, Oregon, on the 4th day of March, 2015 at the request of Commissioner Bill Baertlein.

The Board, being fully apprized of the representations of the above named person, finds as follows:

1. 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."
2. Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination of the civil power."
3. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners (Board) recognizes the constitutions of the United States of America and of Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy, liberty, and natural law rights.
4. The Board 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.
5. The overwhelming majority of lawfully owned firearms in Oregon and the United States will never be used in a crime.
6. State and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including but not limited to bans, taxation, registration, licensing and even confiscation.
7. ACKNOWLEDGING, that certain provisions of existing law have been interpreted and understood not to violate or abridge these rights, including but not limited to prohibition of possession of firearms by certain felons, those who have been prosecuted for criminal behavior including firearms, and those adjudicated mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

8. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners strongly affirms its 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.
9. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners 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.
10. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners 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.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

11. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners remains committed to the removal of firearms from those who have legally forfeited their rights due to conviction for certain felonies and criminal behavior involving firearms and those adjudicated mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others.

DATED this day 4th day of March, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Aye Nay Absent/Abstain

Tim Josi, Chairperson

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Mark Labhart, Vice Chairperson

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Bill Baertlein, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
Special Deputy

William K. Sargent, County Counsel