

From the Desk of
Senator Ted Ferioli

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION)
SUPPORTING SECOND AMENDMENT)
AND ARTICLE 1, SECTION 27 RIGHTS)

RESOLUTION NO. 15R-4

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on March 18, 2015, to consider adopting a resolution supporting Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 27 rights.

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 Marion County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty; and,

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners 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 but not limited to bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing and even confiscation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Marion County Board of Commissioners RESOLVES as


follows:


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

DATED at Salem, Oregon this 18th day of March 2015.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Chair


Commissioner


Commissioner