



Alexander County Administration

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RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution 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, Sec. 30 in the North Carolina Constitution 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, it is further recognized that the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that individuals have the right to keep and bear arms in a manner that shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has, through multiple rulings, upheld an individual’s right to keep and bear arms when federal, state, and local laws have sought to restrict this right; and

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is a fundamental right for self-defense, the defense of others including family members, the protection of individual liberty, and for the preservation of the United States and the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States by elected officials from multiple levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the illegal misuse of firearms is not a reason to infringe upon the Constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizens of Alexander County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alexander County Board of Commissioners have taken an oath to defend and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Alexander County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep and abiding commitment to protecting all Constitutional rights of Alexander County citizens and stands opposed to any law, regulation, or other act that would unconstitutionally infringe on the citizens’ Second Amendment rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexander County Board of Commissioners declares its intent for Alexander County to stand as a Constitutional Rights Protection County and will respect, protect, and defend Alexander County's citizens' rights afforded by the Constitution including those in the Second Amendment. The Board will oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and North Carolina, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use any and all such Constitutional means at its disposal to protect the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alexander County Board of Commissioners implores the United States Congress and North Carolina Legislature to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitutions of the United States and North Carolina and reject any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on those rights.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2020.

Ryan N. Mayberry, Chairman
Alexander County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jamie M. Starnes
Clerk to the Board