

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR  
THE SECOND AMENDMENT**

This is a resolution opposing the passage of any legislation, bill, law, ordinance, statute or measure that restricts the individual right of lawful U.S. Citizens, as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, to keep and bear arms.

WHEREAS, for the benefit and protection of all people, unalienable rights are enumerated and enshrined in the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Texas and;

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "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, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and was understood to be an individual right by the members of the Constitutional Convention and by the men who wrote the Second Amendment and;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States of America in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (554 US 570, 128 S. Ct. 2783, 171 L. Ed. 2d 637 - Supreme Court, 2008) recognized the individual's right to keep and bear arms unconnected with service in a militia, and;

WHEREAS, every lawful citizen has the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State; but the Texas Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime under Article I, Section 23 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and;

WHEREAS, the people of Kerr County, Texas, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Kerr County using all types of firearms allowable by state and federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Kerr County, Texas, does hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation, bill, law, ordinance, statute or measure that would infringe upon the right of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kerr County recognizes that “Gun Free” zones do not keep citizens safe but rather restrict the right and ability of citizens to defend and protect themselves, and that other means should be found to protect citizens from criminal activity, as they need no protection from legal gun carriers, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kerr County Commissioners Court demand that the Governor of Texas veto any legislation which restricts the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for the purpose of defending their lives, liberty and property, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Kerr County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this resolution to all members of the Texas Legislature and to the Office of the Governor before the start of the next legislative session.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen Lehman  
and the Kerr County Patriots Club  
October 5, 2020

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

By:

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Honorable Rob Kelly  
County Judge

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Honorable Harley David Belew  
Commissioner Precinct 2

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Honorable Tom Moser  
Commissioner Precinct 2

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Honorable Jonathan Letz  
Commissioner Precinct 3

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Honorable Don Harris  
Commissioner Precinct 4

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Honorable Rusty Hierholzer  
Sheriff

## NOTES:

Second Amendment Sanctuary refers to resolutions adopted by some jurisdictions in the United States to not expend resources to enforce certain gun control measures perceived as violating the Second Amendment. The resolutions oppose enforcement of universal gun background checks, high capacity magazine bans, red flag laws, semi-automatic rifle bans and other measures intended to restrict the gun rights of law-abiding citizens.

The movement began after Democrats won control of both houses of the Virginia General Assembly last November while vowing to enact draconian gun control measures. Presidential Candidate O'Rourke from Texas had announced in September his intention to ban semi-automatic weapons. Other jurisdictions are either fighting Democrat-controlled legislatures or being proactive in fear of their states turning blue.

As of March 15, 2020, these 1,069 jurisdictions cross America have declared themselves Second Amendment sanctuaries or adopted other pro-Second Amendment resolutions:

Alabama - 1 out of 67 counties  
Arkansas - 2 out of 75 counties  
Arizona – 6 of 15 counties and 1 city  
California – 1 out of 58 counties and 1 city  
Colorado – 39 out of 64 counties, 3 cities, and 4 towns  
Florida – 41 out of 67 counties, 3 cities, and 1 town  
Georgia - 41 out of 159 counties and 2 cities  
Illinois – 68 out of 102 counties, 2 cities, and 4 townships  
Indiana - 25 out of 92 counties  
Kansas - 1 out of 105 counties  
Kentucky - 114 out of 120 counties and 6 cities  
Louisiana - 1 out of 64 parishes  
Maine – 1 town  
Maryland - 5 out of 23 counties  
Michigan - 46 out of 83 counties, 1 city, and 4 townships  
Minnesota - 11 out of 87 counties  
Mississippi - 24 out of 82 counties  
Nebraska - 8 out of 93 counties  
Nevada – 10 of 16 counties  
New Jersey – 8 out of 21 counties, 29 townships, 1 town, and 5 boroughs  
New Mexico – 26 out of 33 counties, 6 cities, and 1 town.  
New York – 2 out of 62 counties and 3 towns  
North Carolina – 73 out of 100 counties, 1 city, and 2 towns  
Ohio - 32 out of 88 counties, 1 city, and 3 townships  
Oklahoma - 31 out of 77 counties  
Oregon – 16 out of 36 counties and 2 cities  
Pennsylvania - 3 out of 67 counties, 11 townships, and 3 boroughs  
Rhode Island – 10 of 31 towns. There is no government entity at the county level.  
South Carolina - 7 out of 46 counties  
Tennessee – 59 out of 95 counties, 2 cities, and 1 town  
**Texas - 78 out of 254 counties, 1 city, and 2 towns**  
Utah - 5 out of 29 counties  
Vermont - 0 out of 14 counties and 21 towns  
Virginia – 91 out of 95 counties, 16 out of 38 independent cities, and 41 towns

Washington – 23 county sheriffs out of 39 counties and the police chief of 1 city have vowed to not enforce I-1639 while it is being challenged in court. Initiative 1639 was a Washington state ballot initiative concerning firearms regulation that was passed into law on November 6, 2018. The initiative altered the gun laws in Washington by defining the term "semiautomatic assault rifle" to include all semiautomatic rifles, raising the minimum age for purchasing semiautomatic rifles from 18 to 21. It also imposes a 10 day waiting period before being allowed to claim a rifle from a firearms dealer, and expanded background checks to include medical records requiring a waiver of HIPAA rights.

West Virginia - 33 out of 55 counties, 3 cities, and 3 towns  
Wisconsin - 7 out of 72 counties and 1 city  
Wyoming - 1 out of 23 counties