

# Craven County



## COUNTY OF CRAVEN

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN SUPPORT OF RIGHTS AFFORDED BY THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the United States Bill of Rights reinforcing guarantees of individual rights and limitations of federal and state governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that “[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**, similarly Article 1, Section 30 of the Constitution of North Carolina provides in part that “[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**, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 470 (2008), the United States Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), the United States Supreme Court held that the right of an individual to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment applies to individual States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners is concerned about any effort by the North Carolina General Assembly or United States Congress to enact legislation unconstitutionally infringing upon a citizen’s individual right to possess a firearm and to use a firearm for traditional lawful purposes as the United States Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the decisions of the United States Supreme Court that interpret the Second Amendment as giving individuals the right to bear arms and use firearms for traditionally lawful purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for Craven County, North Carolina that:

Section 1. The Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the Second Amendment right of citizens to possess firearms and to use firearms for traditionally lawful purposes.

Section 2. In support of the citizenry's Second Amendment rights, the Craven County Board of Commissioners will take all necessary steps within its power to ensure that legislative bodies do not enact legislation unconstitutionally infringing the Second Amendment right of citizens to bear arms and use firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, such action including but not limited to lobbying of legislative delegations and intervention in litigation challenging such legislation.

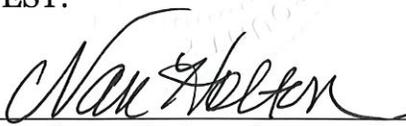
Section 3. As further indicia of support for rights afforded citizens by the Second Amendment, the Craven County Board of Commissioners declares Craven County to be a "Second Amendment Refuge".

**ADOPTED** the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020.



  
Thomas F. Mark, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board