

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING THAT
HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
WILL SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,
INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AS WELL AS THE CONSTITUTION OF
NORTH CAROLINA; AND ALL LAWS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, including the Bill of Rights and other amendments, is the Supreme Law of the land, and,

WHEREAS, it is the sworn duty of all elected officials to support and maintain both the Federal and State Constitutions and laws consistent therewith, and,

WHEREAS, from time to time various provisions and amendments come under scrutiny and challenge, and,

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the US Constitution is currently at the forefront of debate and controversy, and,

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners desire to reconfirm its long-standing commitment to support and maintain the laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina which are consistent with our State and Federal Bill of Rights and Constitution, and,

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the US 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, the Supreme Court of these United States has ruled that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Constitution provides that “... the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed...” and,

WHEREAS, based upon the language of the NC Constitution, the North Carolina Supreme Court has ruled that, “For any lawful purpose--either of business or amusement--the citizen is at perfect liberty to carry his gun.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby reconfirm our solemn duty to support, maintain and defend the inalienable rights of our citizens, including those rights for an individual to keep and bear arms which was recognized in both the United States and North Carolina Constitution as a preexisting natural right which is not to be infringed; and further, that no public funds, resources, employees, buildings or offices which are under the control and direction of Henderson County shall be used in any manner in contravention of the mandates of said supreme laws of the land.

Adopted this 3rd day of February 2020.

GRADY HAWKINS, Chairman

Attested By:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board