



## **RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**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**, Article 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia provides “that a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power;” and,

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation publicly proposed for the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing on the rights of the citizens of Greene County to keep and bear arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Greene County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Greene County to keep and bear arms while recognizing that the enforcement of any legislation originating from Virginia’s General Assembly is the responsibility of the constitutionally elected Sheriff and Commonwealth’s Attorney; and,

**WHEREAS**, no appropriation is or shall be made by the Greene County Board of Supervisors for the enforcement of unconstitutional gun laws in the County of Greene; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to laws which would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Greene County to keep and bear arms;

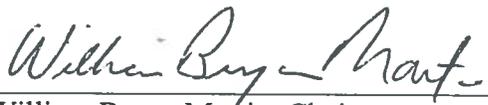
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the Greene County Board of Supervisors proudly reaffirm their oath of office: To solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon us, to the best of our abilities, so help us God, while hereby declaring Greene County, Virginia to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON DECEMBER 10, 2019.

Motion: Marie Durrer  
Second: David Cox

Recorded vote:

Bill Martin	<u>Yes</u>
Michelle Flynn	<u>No</u>
David L. Cox	<u>Yes</u>
Marie C. Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Dale R. Herring	<u>Yes</u>

  
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William Bryan Martin, Chair  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:   
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Mark B. Taylor, Clerk  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

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