

**RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING SECOND ADMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
AND AFFIRMING LOCAL GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution affirms 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, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia states that “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is 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, Greene County residents have consistently expressed support for maintaining strong constitutional protections and for ensuring that local government remains accountable to the people it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of Supervisors recognizes that constitutional interpretation and enforcement occur within an established legal framework involving the courts, the General Assembly, and the County’s constitutional officers, including the Sheriff and Commonwealth’s Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to ensuring that no resident is subjected to arbitrary or unlawful exercises of governmental power, consistent with the principles of a free and self-governing community; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that residents hold a range of views on matters of public policy, and that reaffirming constitutional rights must be done in a manner that respects all members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to discharge its duties faithfully and impartially; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms its commitment to local governance grounded in constitutional limits, transparency, and accountability, and expresses its expectation that any laws affecting the rights of Greene County residents will be enforced in accordance with constitutional standards and judicial review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this reaffirmation does not alter existing enforcement practices, does not bind residents to any political position, and does not supersede the lawful authority of the Sheriff, the Commonwealth’s Attorney, or the Courts; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Greene County continues to stand as a community committed to constitutional rights, civic responsibility, and the principles of non-domination that ensure all residents are protected under the rule of law.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2026

Motion:

Second:

Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano _____

Marie C. Durrer _____

Tim Goolsby _____

Matthew Hartung _____

Davis Lamb _____

Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors