

A RESOLUTION

BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states in part that, “[T]he right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, the same language is also contained in Article I, Section 20 of the Constitution of South Carolina, which provides, in pertinent part, “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 Greenville County Council feels that the right of citizens to bear arms, as stated in both the United States Constitution and the South Carolina Constitution, is a fundamental right that should be protected to the greatest degree possible; and

WHEREAS, the legislative assemblies of several States have begun adopting measures regarding gun control, and it is expected these proposed measures, which would greatly encroach on the Constitutional rights of those citizens affected, will be introduced in the aforementioned States as part of their 2020 legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Council wishes by adopting this Resolution to express its strong support for the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 20 of the Constitution of South Carolina, and urges the Governor and members of the General Assembly to take no action which would violate the freedoms guaranteed in both Constitutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Greenville County Council that Greenville County Council hereby expresses its strong support for the rights of citizens to bear arms pursuant to the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 20 of the Constitution of South Carolina, and urges the members of the General Assembly and the Governor to take no action which would violate the freedoms guaranteed in both Constitutions.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ___ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator