



CITY OF GALAX

RESOLUTION

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, the right to keep and bear arms is further enshrined in the Constitution of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the individual rights to keep and bear arms as enshrined in the United States and Virginia Constitutions, Galax City Council is mindful of the deep cultural and historic roots of hunting within the Commonwealth and the surrounding region, which precede the founding of the United States, as well as the many conservation and wildlife management benefits to be derived from responsible game management through hunting; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has been or may be introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation which has been or may be introduced in the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Galax City Council is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which would infringe on the rights of the citizens of the City of Galax to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Galax City Council wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of the City of Galax to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Galax City Council wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of the City of Galax to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Galax City Council wishes to express its intent to support Second Amendment rights of its citizens and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and the option to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of the City of Galax to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Galax City Council hereby declares its intent to support the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the City of Galax;

AND FURTHER, that the Galax City Council requests that the Virginia General Assembly forgo the consideration or approval of gun control legislation during the 2020 General Assembly Session that would restrict the Second Amendment rights of its citizens;

AND FURTHER, that the Galax City Council hereby declares its intent to oppose within the limits of its statutory and constitutionally-delegated powers and authority any infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, and to use such reasonable and legal means that the Galax City Council may hereafter approve to protect such rights.

Adopted this 9th day of December, 2019

Vice Mayor Plichta	_____
Councilman Greene	_____
Councilman Haynes	_____
Councilwoman Ritchie	_____
Councilwoman White	_____
Councilman Larrowe	_____

Mayor, Galax City Council

ATTEST _____
Keith Barker
City Manager