

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE ORDER OF MILITIA WITHIN TAZEWELL COUNTY
VIRGINIA PURSUANT TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution hereafter “Second Amendment” 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.

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia reads that a well-regulated militia comprised 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 and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to and govern by the civil power.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment reserves the right to regulate arms to the states as militias are local and not federal forces. **WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia is substantively equal to the Second Amendment, wherein the right to regulate arms is placed upon the locality that orders the militia.

WHEREAS, to commit to the fullness of the constitutional freedoms granted by the Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, hereafter “the board” finds that the following measures are appropriate and necessary to well order its militia. Now, therefore be it resolved by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors that the board expresses its intent to vigorously uphold the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding citizens of Tazewell County Virginia.

Be it further resolved that in order to enable the well-regulated militia under the Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, the board hereby expresses its intent to adopt the following measures at subsequent dates and times.

1. Provisions to fund concealed weapons training for Tazewell County residents, including firearms safety training in our Tazewell county public schools.
2. Provisions to fund Reserve Officer Training Corps, the ROTC programs. Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America programs.
3. Provisions to eliminate funding for any enforcement of any laws or regulations which would unconstitutionally infringe upon the rights of Tazewell County’s law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms in accordance with the full breadth of the Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia.
4. Other such future provisions as this board may deem necessary or appropriate for the purposes stated above. Be it further resolved that the board here by declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia through such legal means as may be expedient including without limitation legal process.