BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEVENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution opposing implementation Washington )
State Initiative I-1639, or any trailer bill or any )
bill similar thereto which restricts the individual )
rights of United States Citizens as protected by the )
Second Amendment of the United States )
Constitution or Art. I, Section 24 of the Washington )
State Constitution. )

RESOLUTION No. 18-2019

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the residents of Stevens County, Washington, and:

WHEREAS, the residents of Stevens County derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the County using all types of firearms allowable under federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, any provision or application of I-1639, and any trailer bill, or any bill similar thereto, which restricts the individual rights of United States Citizens as protected by the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution will create economic hardship on lawfully owned and operated, small business firearm dealerships; will create undue burdens and price increases on persons to lawfully purchase firearms; will have a direct negative impact on local economies thru job loss and sales tax loss; will create a layer of burdensome, troublesome and unlawful governmental regulation; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County Board of Commissioners, being elected to represent the residents of Stevens County and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Washington, including, but not limited to the protection of a lawful Right to Keep and Bear Arms, for defense of Life, Liberty and Property, and for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Stevens County, Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose the implementation of I-1639 or the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the lawful rights of its residents to Keep and Bear Arms and would consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful application of its legislative and governance authority or duties.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its clerk in authorization of such passage the 4th day of February, 2019.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Wes McCurt, Chair
Don Dashiell, Commissioner
Steve Parker, Commissioner

Attest:

Polly Coleman, Clerk of the Board