

RESOLUTION OF CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

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 United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the People of Clearwater County, Minnesota, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Clearwater County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, certain legislation, beyond existing laws to date, that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature in the future, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress in the future 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

WHEREAS, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any new bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law in the future, beyond existing laws to date, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County dedicated to Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts in the future to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, the right to petition for redress of grievances, and encourage and support law enforcement to not infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clearwater County Minnesota:

That the Clearwater Board of Commissioners hereby declares Clearwater County, Minnesota, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County", and

That the Clearwater Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County, Minnesota, and

That the Clearwater Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent that public funds of the county not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding citizens of Clearwater County, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights, and

That the Clearwater Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners at a duly authorized meeting thereof, on the 18th day of February 2020, as shown by the Minutes in my possession.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emily McDougall", written over a horizontal line.

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator