

## BIG HORN COUNTY – COUNTY A 2<sup>ND</sup> AMEND SANCTUARY

THE RESOLUTION BY THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF BIG HORN COUNTY, IN AND FOR BIG HORN COUNTY, WYOMING, DECLARING BIG HORN COUNTY TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Constitution for the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation and the Second Amendment to the Constitution states, “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 Constitution of the State of Wyoming, Article 1, Section 24 states, “The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and of the state shall not be denied”; and

WHEREAS, the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms is guaranteed as an individual right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms for the defense of life, liberty and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the citizens of Big Horn County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Big Horn County, Wyoming derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Big Horn County as secured under the United States and Wyoming Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Republican Central Committee of Big Horn County to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution for the United States of America and Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of Wyoming protecting citizens’ inalienable and individual right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Big Horn County Board of Commissioners took an oath to support, obey and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Wyoming;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Central Committee of Big Horn County strongly supports the Second Amendment of the Constitution for the United States of America and Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Wyoming and that the Republican Central Committee of Big Horn County declares:

that it is an inalienable right of the people of Big Horn County to keep and bear arms for the defense of life, liberty and property; and

(a) that all federal and state acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, regulations, statutes or ordinances that infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the second amendment of the constitution for the United States of America and article 1, section 24 of the Wyoming constitution shall be invalid in this county, shall not be recognized by this county, shall be specifically rejected by this county and shall be considered null, void and of no effect in this county; and

(b) It shall be the duty of the courts and law enforcement agencies of this county to protect the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms within the borders of this county and to protect these rights from infringement; and

(c) No person, including any public officer or employee of this county or any political subdivision of this county, shall impinge on the legal and lawful right of the people to keep and bear arms, and nothing in this resolution may be construed to prohibit or otherwise limit a public officer or employee of this county or any political subdivision of this county from cooperating, communicating, or collaborating with a federal or state agency or performing his or her duty under his or her oath of office so long as the primary purpose is not to enforce any federal or state acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, regulations, statutes or ordinances infringing on the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

(d) for purposes of this resolution, "law abiding citizen" means an individual who is not otherwise precluded under state law from possessing a firearm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Big Horn County, Wyoming money, resources or personnel shall be used in a manner contrary to the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of the state of Wyoming;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to defend the rights and liberties of the citizens of Big Horn County, the Republican Central Committee of Big Horn County hereby declares, and calls upon the Big Horn County Board of County Commissioners to declare:

Big Horn County, Wyoming a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County"

RESOLVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

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Louis Gary Welch, Chairman

This resolution passed unanimously on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at a regular monthly meeting of the Republican Central Committee of Big Horn County, Wyoming.