RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 for 2020

A RESOLUTION SIGNIFYING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SUPPORT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America 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 Supreme Court of the United States of America in *District of Columbia v. Heller* recognized an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides, "[t]he right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned"; and

WHEREAS, each of the Union County Commissioners swore an oath or affirmation, to support the Constitution of the United States, and of this Commonwealth, and also an oath of office; and

NOW THEREFORE, intending for the forgoing paragraph to be a part hereof, the Union County Commissioners proclaim and fully affirm their support of the rights afforded to citizens under the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions, including the right of its citizens to keep and bear arms; and

FURTHER, THAT the Union County Commissioners will not expend funds for the purpose of enforcing laws or ordinances adjudicated to be illegal or unconstitutional; and

FURTHER, THAT the citizens of Union County, Pennsylvania derive economic benefit from lawful and permitted use of firearms, including hunting, recreation and shooting sports; and

FURTHER, THAT, by and through this ceremonial resolution, the Union County Commissioners declare Union County, Pennsylvania to be a Second Amendment Dedicated County; and

FINALLY, THAT the Union County Commissioners make this proclamation in full support of the constitutional rights guaranteed under the aforementioned Constitutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Union County Board of Commissioners, on this _____ day of _____, 2020, hereby approve the provided resolutions.

Attest:

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Susan Greene, Chief Clerk

Union County Board of Commissioners:

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Preston R. Boop, Chairman

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Jeffrey P. Reber, Vice Chairman

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Stacy Richards, Secretary