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NO. 2019-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE ELKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ELKO COUNTY A SANCTUARY FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Elko County Board of Commissioners is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, all powers granted to government are derived through the people and are for the sole purpose of protecting and defending their unalienable natural rights, one of which is affirmed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution that declares “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, the members of this board have sworn to protect and defend the Constitution in their oaths of office; and

WHEREAS, it is the natural tendency of government to expand beyond the limits of its rightful charter; and

WHEREAS, it is the people’s duty to challenge the government when and where it exceeds its authority; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson asked, “what country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance;” and

WHEREAS, Jefferson further stated, “On every question of construction [let us] carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed;” and

WHEREAS, Alexander Hamilton in Federalist Paper #78 declared, "No legislative act, therefore, contrary to the Constitution, can be valid. To deny this, would be to affirm, that the deputy is greater than his principal; that the servant is above his master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people themselves..; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this board to declare its support for the Second Amendment protection of the right to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elko County Board of Commissioners that Elko County is a Sanctuary County for the Second Amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board affirms its support of the duly elected Elko County Sheriff in the exercise of his sound discretion to not enforce any unconstitutional firearms laws against any citizen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board will not authorize or appropriate any funds or resources for the purpose of enforcing law that unlawfully infringes on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

PROPOSED by Commissioner

SECONDED by Commissioner

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2019.

VOTE:

AYES:

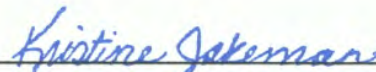
NAYES:

ABSTENTIONS:



REX STENINGER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



KRISTINE JAKEMAN, COUNTY CLERK