

# County of Bland

Bland County  
Board of Supervisors



Commonwealth  
of Virginia

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING BLAND COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

**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 infringe;” and,

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides, “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power;” and,

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bland County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Bland County to keep and bear Arms or could become a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Bland County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bland County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Bland County to keep and bear Arms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bland County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Bland County to bear Arms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bland County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to

unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Bland County, to the extent permitted by law, here by expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of citizens of Bland County and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Bland County to bear arms; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Bland County, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

*Adopted this, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 in Bland County, Virginia*

<i>Board of Supervisors</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Randy Johnson</i>	X	
<i>Stephen Kelley</i>	X	
<i>Karen Hodock</i>	X	
<i>K. Adam Kidd</i>	X	

Attest:   
Eric R. Workman, Ed.D.,  
Clerk & County Administrator  
Board of Supervisors