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**RESOLUTION NO. 3 of 2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
FOREST COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DECLARING  
FOREST COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 U.S. Supreme Court in the *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not connected in any way to service in a militia; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), stated that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution states, "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;" and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 21, of the Pennsylvania State Constitution states that, "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned" and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 25, of the Pennsylvania State Constitution states that, "To guard against the transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government and shall forever remain inviolate." and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law or regulation, be it federal or state, that unconstitutionally restricts the rights under the Second Amendment of the US Constitution or Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to keep and bear arms, and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand for Second Amendment Rights and to oppose any effort to unconstitutionally restrict such rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Forest County, as follows:

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The Forest County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Forest County is a Second Amendment County and as such shall celebrate, promote and preserve for the People of, on, and in Forest County, their right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Section 3** We the People of Forest County, Pennsylvania, through this resolution hereby declare our rights, our freedom and our liberty as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**RESOLVED, ENACTED, AND ADOPTED** at a meeting held on the 7th day of April, 2021

ATTEST:

FOREST COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Lynette Greathouse, Chief Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark S. Kingston, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Snyder, Jr.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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