

RESOLUTION # 20-0213

**RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION OF 2ND AMENDMENT
LAWFUL GUN OWNER SANCTUARY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, an individual right affirmed by the US Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence refers to all being endowed by their Creator with the unalienable right to Life, self-defense is an "original right" referred to by Alexander Hamilton in Federalist 28, and self-defense is recognized as a national and international right;

WHEREAS, Americans lawfully use firearms hundreds of thousands of times each year, protecting themselves and their loved ones from violent criminals;

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 12 million Americans who lawfully carry concealed firearms;

WHEREAS, lawfully armed civilians have stopped active shooters and saved law enforcement officers who were under attack;

WHEREAS, firearms are lawfully used for hunting and sport, on a daily basis, across the country;

WHEREAS, unbiased research has shown that concealed carry of firearms reduces violent crime, and those benefiting most from firearms in self-defense are women, the elderly and the disabled;

WHEREAS, abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders;

WHEREAS, the Federal and State governments have, for many years, had numerous laws, statutes, and regulations relating to firearms ownership, purchase, transportation, transfer, carry and use;

WHEREAS, violations of existing laws, statutes and regulations are already criminal offenses, many being felonies;

WHEREAS, gun control laws, including a plethora of current proposed legislation, are not evidence based; and

WHEREAS, legislation called "gun safety" legislation, factually has nothing to do with teaching or promoting the safe and lawful use of firearms.

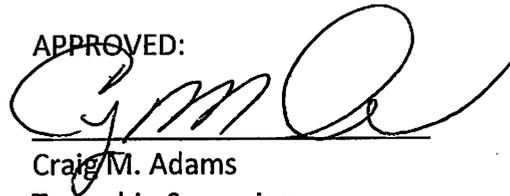
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The McHenry Township Board declares McHenry Township to be a 2nd Amendment Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary Township.
2. The McHenry Township Board supports the rights of lawful gun owners to lawfully use firearms; to defend themselves, their loved ones and other innocents; to lawfully hunt to provide sustenance for their families; and to lawfully participate in shooting sports up to and including Olympic and Paralympic sports.
3. The McHenry Township Board opposes further interference with, or abridging of, the rights of lawful gun owners.
4. The McHenry Township Board opposes any future gun control, "gun safety", or related gun taxation legislation, State, Federal, or local.
5. The McHenry Township Board espouses holding accountable the violent criminal offenders, rather than irrational and/or disproven attempts to control lawful tools of self-defense, hunting and sport.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL be effective from and after the date of its adoption.

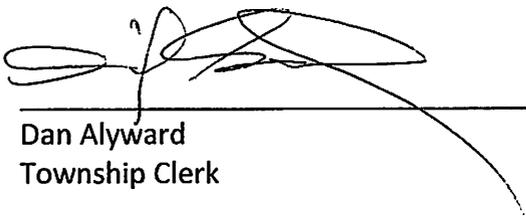
APPROVED this 13th day of February 2020.

APPROVED:



Craig M. Adams
Township Supervisor

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Dan Alyward
Township Clerk



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