

**A Resolution of the Guernsey County Board of Commissioners  
Declaring Support of the Second Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, Article 6 of the Constitution of the United States of America state, *"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding"*; and

**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 infringed"*; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution reads, *"The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be kept up; and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power"*; and


**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.68 states that *"the individual right to keep and bear arms, being a fundamental individual right that predates the United States Constitution and Ohio Constitution"* and is *"a constitutionally protected right in every part of Ohio."* Ohio Revised Code Section 9.68 further states that the Ohio General Assembly *"also finds and declares that it is proper for law-abiding people to protect themselves, their families, and others from intruders and attackers without fear of prosecution or civil action for acting in defense of themselves or others"*; and

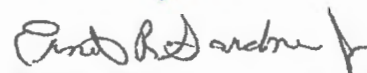
**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 7 of the Ohio Constitution states, *"Every person chosen or appointed to any office under this State, before entering upon the discharge of its duties, shall take an oath or affirmation, to support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, and also an oath of office"*; and

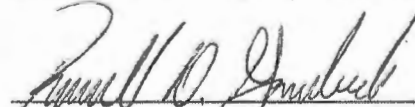
**WHEREAS**, Guernsey County Commissioners Ernest R. "Skip" Gardner, Jr., Ronald D. Gombeda and David L. Wilson have each taken such an oath and believe it to be binding upon them morally, ethically and legally; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Guernsey County, Ohio hereby expresses the intent to preserve, protect and defend the Second Amendment through any and all lawful means, in order to uphold the rights of the citizens of Guernsey County, Ohio on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.


**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GUERNSEY COUNTY, OHIO**

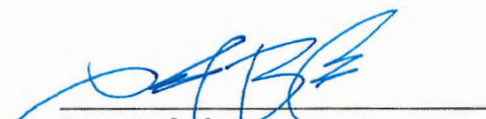
  
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David L. Wilson, President

  
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Ernest R. Gardner, Jr., Vice-President

  
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Ronald D. Gombeda, Commissioner

**WITNESSED BY**

  
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Jeffrey D. Paden, Sheriff  
Guernsey County, Ohio

  
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Atty. Joel Blue, Prosecutor  
Guernsey County, Ohio