

RESOLUTION NO. 13-19
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT
AND THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

WHEREAS, the American people have retained to themselves the right to “keep and bear arms” – a right not subject to infringement by Congress as is memorialized in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, as part of United States Bill of Rights, ratified on December 15, 1791; and,

WHEREAS, Cooper v. Aaron held that since the Supremacy Clause of Article VI made the U.S. Constitution the supreme law of the land and Marbury v. Madison gave the Supreme Court the power of judicial review, the precedent set forth in Brown v. Board of Education is the supreme law of the land and is therefore binding on all the states, regardless of any state laws contradicting it; and

WHEREAS, a landmark decisions issued by the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller established that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm from federal infringement unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that Arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as, but not limited to, self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS, the Court in McDonald v. City of Chicago established that the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution extended protection of the individual right to keep and bear arms to the several States under due process provisions of that Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government; and

WHEREAS, the government of California has repeatedly released violent criminals back into its' lawful society; and

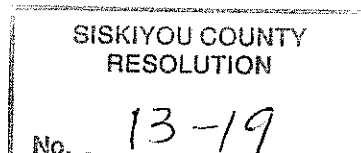
WHEREAS, according to Merriam Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, the word “infringement” means “an encroachment or trespass on a right or privilege” – in other words a violation or constraint upon a right; and

WHEREAS, sadly, recent high profile events within our country have sparked discussions of gun-control at the local, state and federal levels, which have advanced proposed legislation which professes to address gun violence, while, in fact, infringes upon Second Amendment rights – (this has included numerous gun and ammunition control proposals, outright gun bans as well as registration schemes that would convert the right into a revocable privilege; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Siskiyou's economy is supported by family ranching, farming and natural resource businesses, and that the right to keep and bear Arms is fundamental to our right to protect our families, our property, our livestock, and our livelihood; and

WHEREAS, as a “frontier county,” hunting for food is a practice among many residents and, as a sport, hunting makes an important contribution to the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of this County respect the rights protected by the Second Amendment through the recognition and support of responsible firearm ownership, training and awareness; and



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou supports all discussions seeking new ideas to protect our citizens from violence but cannot abide by any order, provision, law or agency initiative that violates the protections of the Second Amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 12th day of February, 2013, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES: Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Armstrong, Bennett and Criss

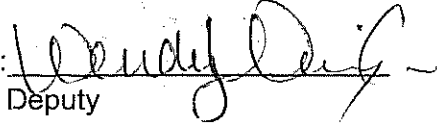
NOES: NONE

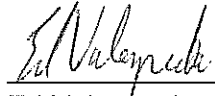
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ATTEST:

COLLEEN SETZER, COUNTY CLERK

By: 
Deputy



Ed Valenzuela, Chair