

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Adopting a County)
Resolution on the Subject of Universal)
Background Checks for Firearm Purchases) Resolution No. 2015-012

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Josephine County is sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Oregon contain provisions that guarantee the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of Josephine County also contains a guarantee in section 29.1, subsection 1, "that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Legislature is now reportedly considering a proposal to expand the system of background checks required prior to the commercial transfer of firearms, making that requirement applicable to all transfers, whether public or private; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Josephine County is of the opinion that imposing universal background checks upon all transfers of firearms does act as a restraint upon the right of a citizen to keep and bear arms, and;

WHEREAS, the imposition of that restraint appears to violate the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Oregon, as well as the Charter of Josephine County, now THEREFORE,

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners RESOLVES as follows:

- a) The Josephine County Board of County Commissioners is opposed to the proposed legislation imposing such requirements, and
- b) The Board of Commissioners will transmit this Resolution to the State Senators and State Representatives elected by the people of Josephine County, informing the elected members of the Legislature of their opposition.

DATED this _____ day of March, 2015.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

K. O. Heck, Chair

Cheryl Walker, Vice-Chair

Simon G. Hare, Commissioner

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