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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LINN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING SECOND
AMENDMENT RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-218

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America 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, Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Linn County feel that public recognition of the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon are the documents that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Linn County also recognizes that the first and last protectors of the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon are the people of the United States and Oregon, and that the ability of the people to fulfill that role rests in large part on the people's right to bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the significant majority of all lawfully owned firearms in the United States will not be used in a crime in any given year; and

WHEREAS, state and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing and even confiscation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has passed Senate Bill 941 requiring background checks for many firearms transactions and created criminal penalties for violations of the law; and





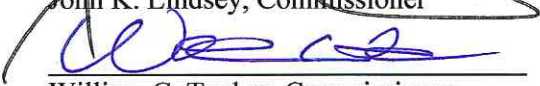
1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 941 contains an unfunded mandate for Linn County government in the form of
2 investigations, enforcement, prosecution and incarceration; and

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Linn County hereby Order and Resolve as
4 follows:

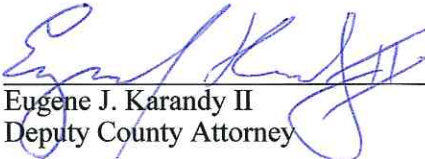
- 5 1. Linn County strongly affirms our commitment to the rights and liberties enshrined within
6 the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon, including but not limited
7 to the right to keep and bear arms; and
- 8 2. Linn County opposes any state or federal law that abridges or is contrary to the provisions
9 of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving
10 the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
- 11 3. Linn County strongly supports the right of the people to keep and bear arms as stated in
12 the Constitutions of the United States of America, and Oregon as interpreted by the United
13 States Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme Court, and vigorously opposes any state or
14 federal law that unfairly and unconstitutionally restricts these rights; and
- 15 4. Linn County is unable to expend any county resources for the implementation and
16 enforcement of Senate Bill 941. Senate Bill 941 is an unfunded mandate.

17 ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 2015.

18 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
19 FOR LINN COUNTY

	AYE	NO
20  Roger Nyquist, Chairman	X	_____
21  John K. Lindsey, Commissioner	X	_____
22  William C. Tucker, Commissioner	X	_____

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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26 Eugene J. Karandy II
27 Deputy County Attorney

