

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF)
BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE PURCHASE)
OF FIREARMS)

ORDER NO. 12-15

WHEREAS, certain events now occurring, it now becomes necessary for the people of Jackson County to reaffirm and support the protections and rights granted by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, all public officials elected or appointed to an office under the Constitution of the State of Oregon swear an oath to support these instruments; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with that oath, it is imperative to note that in the matter of the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and the absolutely clear language of Article I, Section 27 of the Constitution of the State of Oregon “that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”; and

WHEREAS, attempts at incremental infringements shall be construed as an overt disregard of the undeniable protections and rights of these aforementioned documents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County recognize that the first and last protectors of the Constitution of the United States of America are the individual citizens of the United States, and the ability of the citizens to fulfill that role rests in large part on the citizen’s right to bear arms as guaranteed within the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County opposes any additional state and federal laws, regulations, or restrictions on the Constitutional rights held within the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the current firearms purchase background check system rarely results in criminal prosecutions or convictions of prohibited persons, and the criminal element does not follow the laws currently in place; therefore, creating additional restrictive laws will do nothing to increase compliance, but will increase the work load on law enforcement.

Now, therefore,

The Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County PROCLAIMS:

Jackson County opposes any expansion of Oregon's "background check" system for transfers of firearms between qualified and law abiding persons.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2015, at Medford, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Absent

Doug Breidenthal, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer

Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Colleen Roberts

Colleen Roberts, Commissioner