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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR LINN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING SECOND AMENDMENT AND  
ARTICLE 1, SECTION 27 RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-059

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;”

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: “The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power;”

WHEREAS, The Linn County Board of Commissioners (Board) recognizes the constitutions of the United States of America and of Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy, liberty, and natural law rights;

WHEREAS, The Board 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;

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of lawfully owned firearms in Oregon and the United States will never be used in a crime; and

WHEREAS, State and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including but not limited to bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing, expansion of ineffective background check systems, and even confiscation; and

ACKNOWLEDGING, That certain provisions of existing law have been interpreted and understood not to violate or abridge these rights, including but not limited to prohibition of possession of firearms by



1 certain felons, those who have been prosecuted for criminal behavior including firearms, and those  
2 adjudicated mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others; now therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Linn County Board of Commissioners strongly affirms its commitment to the  
4 rights and liberties enshrined within the constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon, especially  
5 the right to keep and bear arms;

6 RESOLVED, That the Linn County Board of Commissioners opposes any State or federal law that  
7 abridges or is contrary to the provisions of the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of  
8 Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms;

9 RESOLVED, That the Linn County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the right of the  
10 people to keep and bear arms as stated in the constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon as  
11 interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme Court, and vigorously opposes any  
12 State or federal law that unconstitutionally restricts these rights; and

13 RESOLVED, That the Linn County Board of Commissioners remains committed to the removal of  
14 firearms from those who have legally forfeited their rights due to conviction for certain felonies and criminal  
15 behavior involving firearms and those adjudicated mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others.

16 Resolved this 24 day of Febr, 2015.

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