

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution)
Supporting Second Amendment) RESOLUTION 15-7-2-1
Rights)
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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal session on July 2, 2015, commissioners Allen Springer, Mary Starrett, and Stan Primozych being present.

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 Yamhill County feel that public recognition of the Constitutions of the United States of American and Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Yamhill 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 American 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.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Yamhill County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. Yamhill County strongly affirms our commitment to the rights and liberties enshrined within the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
2. Yamhill county opposes any state or federal law that abridges or is contrary to the provisions of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
3. Yamhill County strongly supports the right of the people to keep and bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of America, and Oregon as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme court, and vigorously opposes any state or Federal law that unconstitutionally restricts these rights.
4. Yamhill County is unable to expend any county resources for the implementation and enforcement of Senate Bill 941.

ATTEST

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIAN VAN BERGEN

County Clerk

Chairman

ALLEN SPRINGER

By: _____

Deputy LUCY FLORES MENDEZ

Commissioner

MARY STARRETT

FORM APPROVED BY:

CHRISTIAN BOENISCH

Yamhill County Counsel

Commissioner

STAN PRIMOZICH