

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Resolution opposing implementation )  
Washington state Initiative I-1639, or )  
Any State or Federal legislation )  
which restricts the Individual rights of )  
United States Citizens as protected by )  
the Second Amendment of the United )  
States Constitution or Art. I, Section 24 )  
of the Washington State Constitution. )

RESOLUTION No. 19-05

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County having convened in Regular Session, in their office at the Lincoln County Courthouse this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, with all members present; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution 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**, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for the defense of Life, Liberty and Property is an Individual and Inalienable Right, protected by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution and under Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the residents of Lincoln County, Washington, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners of Lincoln County have sworn an Oath to defend and uphold the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES and the CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, to preserve and keep secure the Rights of the Individual Citizen of Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Lincoln County derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the County using all types of firearms allowable under federal and state constitutions; and

**WHEREAS**, any provision or application of I-1639, and any and all State or Federal legislation similar thereto, which restricts the individual rights of United States Citizens as protected by the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution will create economic hardship on lawfully owned and operated small business firearm dealerships; will create undue burdens and price increases on persons to lawfully purchase firearms; will have a direct negative impact on local economies through job loss and sales tax loss; will create a layer of burdensome, troublesome and unlawful governmental regulation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose the implementation of I-1639 or the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the lawful rights of its residents to Keep and Bear Arms, and would consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful application of its legislative and governance authority or duties.

**DATED** at Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



**ATTEST**

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Clerk of the Board – Shelly Johnston

By Marci Patterson  
Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Marci Patterson

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