

RESOLUTION 20-6

SECTION I. TITLE

SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION FOR GREENE TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

SECTION II. FINDINGS

The Supervisors of Greene Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania recognize and declare as follows:

- A. Acting through the United States Constitution, the people created government to be their agent in the exercise of a few defined powers, while reserving to the citizens the right to decide on matters which concern their lives, liberty, and property in the ordinary course of affairs;
- B. 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";
- C. Article I, Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania states, "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."
- D. The right of the people to keep and bear arms is further protected from infringement by State and Local Governments under the Ninth, Tenth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.
- E. The Supreme Court of the United States of America has recognized the individual's right to keep and bear arms, as protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and the right to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home;
- F. Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United

States of America states, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws";

- G. The Supreme Court of the United States recognized that the Second Amendment to the Constitution was incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment and thereby made applicable to the States;
- H. Therefore, the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental individual right that shall not be infringed; and all local, state, and federal acts, laws, orders, rules or regulations regarding firearms, firearms accessories, and ammunition are a violation of the Second Amendment.

SECTION III. DECLARATION

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Greene Township and its intent that public funds of the Township not be used to restrict in any way the rights afforded by the Second Amendment or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of said rights enjoyed by the citizens of Greene Township.

Furthermore, the Greene Township Board of Supervisors does hereby declare its intent to oppose any unconstitutional restriction of the right of citizens of Greene Township to keep and bear arms to defend themselves from violence, crime and tyranny.

THIS RESOLUTION is duly ordained and enacted at a duly and legally convened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Greene Township, Pike County, on this 1 day of July , 2020.

GREENE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:



GARY CARLTON, Chairman



GERALD A. OBERT, Supervisor



BARRY KRAUTTER, Supervisor