

## Resolution in Support of Protecting and Defending Individual Second Amendment Rights

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, Shall NOT be infringed upon;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Texas; Section 23, states; "Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State." and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual's - rather than a collective - right to keep and to bear arms, and in 2010 in McDonald v. City of Chicago the Supreme Court further opined that the right of an individual to keep and bear arms protected by the Second Amendment is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and applies to the States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gonzales County Commissioners' Court believes in the right of our citizens to Keep and Bear Arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gonzales County Commissioners' Court supports the action by the Texas Legislature to protect our citizen's Second Amendment Rights.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gonzales County Commissioners' declares Gonzales County, Texas to be a county in full support of preservation of the Second Amendment and a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

Passed and Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

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Honorable Patrick C. Davis, County Judge

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