

Preserve Second Amendment Resolution

WHEREAS, the second amendment of the United States Constitution clearly 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 core holding in the 2008 case decided by the United States Supreme Court, *D.C. v Heller*, is that the Second Amendment provides an individual a natural right of self-defense and is not restricted to belonging to a state-regulated militia; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Supreme Court decisions have affirmed the right of the government to provide for public safety, and firearm restrictions, but use the criteria: weapons “in common use at the time” to be the protected class; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Texas in the case of *D.C. v Heller* emphasized that states have a strong interest in regulating firearms;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that lawful gun ownership and carry-by-the-people protects us from those who wish to do harm, and guards against tyranny by our own government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we oppose any effort to deprive individuals of their right to keep and bear arms, without the due process of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support legislation allowing law-abiding citizens to carry any legally owned firearm openly or concealed, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes only.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ County or Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.