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At a meeting of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on December 10, 2019, on a motion by _____ and passed _____, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – [insert number]

**RESOLUTION OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
DECLARE SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads: “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 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides “That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power;” and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Spotsylvania County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Spotsylvania County to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a sanctuary for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the rights of the citizens of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia; and

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its opposition to unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms; and,

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Spotsylvania County, Virginia, a “Second Amendment Sanctuary.”

(SEAL)

A COPY TESTE:

Aimee R. Mann
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors