Resolution No. _____

Declaring _____ County a Second Amendment Dedicated County

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution 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, the United States Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms (*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 2008), that this right applies to the states (*McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 2010), and that the right extends outside the home (*New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 2022); and

WHEREAS, each member of the _____ County Board of Commissioners has sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 the Minnesota Senate passed Senate File 4067, which would have banned the sale of commonly owned semi-automatic rifles and of magazines holding more than 17 rounds, and would have required residents to certify with the state, for a fee renewed every three years, the rifles and magazines they already lawfully own, making possession without certification a crime; and

WHEREAS, legislative leaders have said they will bring similar bans to the 2027 Legislature, and other bills would repeal the state law that bars local governments from regulating firearms; and

WHEREAS, the law-abiding citizens of _____ County own these firearms and magazines for hunting, sport, and the defense of themselves and their families, and such laws would make criminals of them while doing nothing to stop violent crime; and

WHEREAS, such laws would also place new burdens on the county's sheriff, county attorney, courts, and jail, at the expense of _____ County taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of _____ County:

1. That the Board hereby declares _____ County a "Second Amendment Dedicated County" and expresses its intent to uphold and protect the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of _____ County.

2. That the Board opposes any law, mandate, policy, order, or other directive that infringes on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, including any ban on commonly owned firearms or magazines and any requirement that law-abiding citizens register, certify, or surrender firearms or magazines they lawfully own.

3. That the Board will refuse to appropriate any _____ County funds, personnel, equipment, or facilities to enforce any law, mandate, policy, order, or other directive that infringes on the right of

law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, including to create, maintain, or enforce any registry, certification program, or confiscation of lawfully owned firearms or magazines.

4. That the Board will not enact any ordinance or policy regulating the ownership, possession, sale, or carry of firearms, ammunition, or magazines, should the Legislature repeal or weaken Minnesota Statutes, section 471.633.

5. That the Board will use any legal means, including and without limitation court action, to protect the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of _____ County.

6. That the Board supports the _____ County Sheriff in exercising the discretion of that office to protect the constitutional rights of the citizens of _____ County.

7. That the County Administrator shall send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Minnesota, to each member of the Minnesota Legislature who represents _____ County, and to the _____ County Sheriff.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____

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Chair, _____ County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
County Administrator / Clerk

> **Using this model:** fill in your county's name in every blank. Paragraphs 3 and 5 are what make a resolution "strong" on our list; please keep them. Your county attorney may suggest wording changes, and that's normal. When your board adopts a resolution, send a copy to contact@gunowners.mn and we'll add your county to the map. Provided by the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, gunowners.mn.