## **RESOLUTION 03-2023**

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING DAVIESS COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution 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 United States Supreme Court has affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a military, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed that right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states; and

WHEREAS, the Daviess County Fiscal Court is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Daviess County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Daviess County Fiscal Court wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Daviess County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Daviess County Fiscal Court wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Daviess County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Daviess County Fiscal Court wishes to express its intent to stand for our Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of Daviess County, through their duly elected Fiscal Court, hereby request that our state and federal legislators pass no laws which would infringe on our constitutional 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right in order to preserve for the People of Daviess County, their rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, furthermore

THAT THE DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Daviess County, Kentucky, and, furthermore

THAT THE DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

We, the Fiscal Court of Daviess County, Kentucky, through this Resolution hereby declare our rights, our freedom, and our liberty as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

Charlie Castlen

Daviess County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

Jennifer Warren, Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: January 19, 2023

PREPARED BY:

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