

MINERAL TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF MINERAL
RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Mineral Town Council held at Town Hall at 7:00 PM on the 9th day of December 2019, at which the following members were present, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of all members of the Mineral Town Council, the vote being recorded in the minutes of the meeting as shown below:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Edwin Jarvis	Yes
William Thomas	Yes
Micheal Warlick	Yes
Roy McGehee	Yes
Edward Kube Jr	Yes
Doswell Pierce	No

On motion of Edwin Jarvis, seconded by William Thomas, which carried by a vote of 5-1 the following resolution was adopted.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TOWN OF MINERAL, VIRGINIA
A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of 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, Article I, 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, Article I, section 1, of the Constitution of Virginia reads, "That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into the state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;" and

WHEREAS, Article I, section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia reads, "That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them;" and

WHEREAS, the Mineral Town Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary Town 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 to law abiding citizens of sound mind and to use legal means at its disposal to protect the right of those citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 9th day of December 2019, by the Town Council of Mineral, Virginia:

That the Mineral Town Council hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Mineral, Virginia and its intent that public funds of the Town not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Mineral to bear arms; and,

That the Mineral Town Council hereby declares its intent to oppose any restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms when such legal means may be expedient, including without limitation court action; and That the Mineral Town Council hereby declares Mineral, Virginia a Second Amendment Sanctuary as set forth herein.

A Copy, teste: *Lise K Yates*
Clerk Town Council Mineral, Virginia