



DocId:8074829

Tx:4054781

**202505541**

JANET HOWARD

MARSHALL COUNTY RECORDER

11/18/2025 08:04 AM

REC FEE: 0.00 PGS: 2

Recorded as Presented

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECLARING MARSHALL COUNTY TO BE A  
SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America was founded in recognition of the natural rights of all human beings, an innovation that has permitted its flourishing into the world's greatest nation. Similarly, Indiana's Constitution begins with a declaration that, "all people . . . are endowed by their CREATOR with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". To protect these rights, we have instituted what Abraham Lincoln called a "government of the people, by the people, for the people" and enacted laws like the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which provides:

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.

The late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia wrote that there is "no doubt, on the basis of both text and history, that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms." And further noted, "[t]hat history showed that the way tyrants had eliminated a militia consisting of all the able-bodied men was not by banning the militia but simply by taking away the people's arms, enabling a select militia or standing army to suppress political opponents . . . During the 1788 [Constitutional] ratification debates, the fear that the federal government would disarm the people in order to impose rule through a standing army or select militia was pervasive in Anti-federalist rhetoric."

Similarly, Article I, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution provides the following guarantee:

The people shall have a right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State.

Our Indiana Supreme Court has stated that the "right of Indiana citizens to bear arms for their own self-defense is an interest in both liberty and property," and "[t]his interest is one of liberty to the extent that it enables law-abiding citizens to be free from the threat of violent crime."

The people's right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right that must at all times be vigorously defended to assure that our community may continue to thrive.

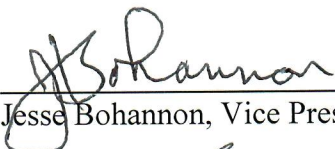
**WHEREAS**, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to declare Marshall County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, to ensure the ongoing protection of the people's right to keep and bear arms.

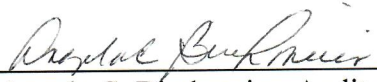
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Marshall County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

**Section 1.** Marshall County is now declared to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. In recognition thereof, the County will steadfastly and proactively support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution, including, but not limited to, the Second Amendment and Article I, Section 32. In accordance with Indiana Code § 35-47-11.1-2, the County vows to not pass any laws to regulate: 1) firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; 2) the ownership, possession, carrying, transportation, registration, transfer, and storage of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; and 3) commerce in and taxation of firearms, firearm ammunition, and firearm accessories. In Marshall County, the people's fundamental right to keep and bear arms shall always be respected to the fullest extent of the law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Marshall County Board of Commissioners this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

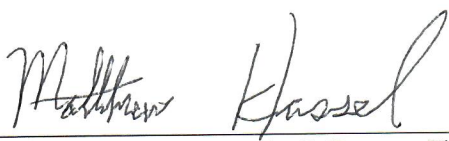
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Klotz, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse Bohannon, Vice President

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Faulstich, Member

Accepted by the Marshall County Sheriff this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Hassel, Marshall County Sheriff