



RESOLUTION NO. 006-2013

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
AND THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, as part of United States Bill of Rights, ratified on December 15, 1791, protects the right of the people to keep and bear Arms; and,

**WHEREAS**, two landmark decisions issued by the United States Supreme Court established that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that Arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as, but not limited to, self-defense within the home, and that the right could not be infringed by the federal government (*District of Columbia v. Heller*); and that under the Fourteenth Amendment the right to keep and bear Arms was incorporated and would also prohibit state and local governments from infringement of the right (*McDonald v. City of Chicago*); and,

**WHEREAS**, sadly, recent high profile events within our country have sparked discussions of gun-control at the local, state and federal levels and include numerous gun-control proposals that assert to address gun violence while, in fact, many of these proposals would directly infringe upon the Second Amendment rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado's economy and rural quality are supported by ranching, farming and natural resources, and that the right to keep and bear Arms is fundamental to our right to protect our families, our property, our livestock, and our livelihood, and that the residents of this County respect the rights afforded by the Second Amendment through the recognition and support of responsible firearm ownership, training and awareness; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado supports all discussions seeking new ideas to protect our citizens from violence but cannot abide by any provision infringing upon the Second Amendment.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 29th day of January, 2013, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
James S. Mitrison  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Veerkamp, Mikalaco, Nutting, Briggs  
Noes: none  
Absent: Santiago

By:   
Deputy Clerk

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Ron Briggs

I CERTIFY THAT:  
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: James S. Mitrison, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_