

adopted the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION #021 of 2021

WHEREAS, acting through the United States Constitution, the people of this Country created a government to be their agent in the exercise of a few defined powers, while reserving to the citizens the right to decide on matters which concern their lives, liberty, and property in the ordinary course of affairs;

WHEREAS the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America 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";

WHEREAS the right of the people to keep and bear arms is further protected from infringement by the State and Local Governments under the Ninth, Tenth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States of America in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570(2008), recognized the individual's right to keep and bear arms, as protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, Justice Antonin Scalia's prevailing opinion in that case stated that the Second Amendment protects and individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and the right to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home;

WHEREAS Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws";

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States recognized in McDonald v. City of Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), declared that the Second Amendment to the Constitution was incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment and thereby made applicable to the States;

WHEREAS the right to be free from the commandeering hand of the government has been recognized by the United States Supreme Court in Printz v. United States, 521 U.S. 898 (1997), the Court held: "The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the Winn Parish Police Jury does determine that the legal, historic, and patriotic words of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution: "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", is hereby declared to be the public policy of the Winn Parish Police Jury and that Winn Parish is hereby declared to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary Parish.

ADOPTED AND APROVED by the Winn Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on this the 16th day of August 2021.

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