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News Release

Commissioners Pass Gun Rights Resolution

March 19, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution supporting the Constitutional right to bear arms under the Second Amendment.

“In light of some recent unfortunate events, the Second Amendment has gained some criticism throughout the national media and public,” said Commissioner Todd Johnson. “And, during this time, many citizens of Union County have come to me and asked that the board work to ensure those constitutional rights remain, not only for citizens of Union County, but also the citizens of North Carolina.”

On Jan. 18, commissioners in Beaufort County passed a resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly and Gov. Pat McCrory to abolish any federal law or executive order restricting the right to bear arms in the state. Since January, several other counties have passed similar resolutions.

Union County’s resolution states that the board of commissioners believes that a lawful citizen’s right to keep and bear arms is vital to the individual defense of life and property and further believes that lawless individuals will not be impeded from unlawfully possessing firearms or committing armed acts of violence against the community.

The resolution also maintains that requiring disclosure of individual firearms ownership records is an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy that puts law abiding citizens at risk of robberies and violence. Commissioners believe it is necessary to support and defend the individual’s right to keep and bear arms in order to ensure the peace and prosperity of Union County.

The Union County Board of Commissioners encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to support and defend the right of law abiding North Carolinians to keep and bear arms and requests that the General Assembly adopt legislation making firearms ownership records exempt from disclosure as a public record under Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

In conclusion, the resolution encourages citizens to thoughtfully consider the national debate concerning the right to keep and bear arms, and further urges citizens to participate through the democratic process to ensure that this right is defended.

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