PEND OREILLE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-06
OPPOSING WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVE I-1639

Opposing implementation of Washington State Initiative I-1639, or any trailer bill or any bill similar thereto which restricts the individual rights of United States Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution or Art. I, Section 24 of the Washington State Constitution.

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the residents of Pend Oreille County, Washington, and:

WHEREAS, the residents of Pend Oreille County derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the County using all types of firearms allowable under federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, any provision or application of I-1639, and any trailer bill, or any bill similar thereto, which restricts the individual rights of United States Citizens as protected by the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution will create economic hardship on lawfully owned and operated, small business firearm dealerships; will create undue burdens and price increases on persons to lawfully purchase firearms; will have a direct negative impact on local economies thru job loss and sales tax loss; will create a layer of burdensome, troublesome and unlawful governmental regulation; and

WHEREAS, Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners, being elected to represent the residents of Pend Oreille County and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Washington, including, but not limited to the protection of a lawful Right to Keep and Bear Arms, for defense of Life, Liberty and Property, and for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Pend Oreille County, Washington;

WHEREAS, I-1639 did not receive majority support in any one of the 27 precincts in Pend Oreille County, with our residents voting 69.85% "No" overall;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose the implementation of I-1639 or the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the lawful rights of its residents to Keep and Bear Arms and would consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful application of its legislative and governance authority or duties. We support the repeal of I-1639 by Washington State legislators.

APPROVED this 12 of March, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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