

TOWN OF DELHI

RESOLUTION #3 OF 2013

FEBRUARY 11, 2013

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The Delhi Town Board has long advocated for protection of the rights afforded to our citizens under the Constitution, which has for generations guided our Nation and served as a framework to our democracy and society; and

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment of the United States provides for the “right of the people to keep and bear arms” and further states that this right “shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Legislature has recently adopted legislation proposed by the Governor to curtail these rights through the enactment of various anti-gun measures that will significantly impact legal gun owners and various businesses and suppliers of guns and related supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, This legislation was approved with scant public notice, very little public debate or review by State Lawmakers, and in the days since the legislation was introduced and enacted, concerns have arisen regarding various matters of law and potential defects in the legislation; and

WHEREAS, As New York State already has some of the toughest gun legislation in the Country, including the Sullivan Act, and concerns have been voiced that this legislation will not improve public safety in the state, including concerns by Legislators who initially supported the legislation; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Federal Lawmakers and the President are considering legislation or executive orders that would infringe on the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, This legislation will affect the rights of the many law-abiding gun owners in Delhi, Delaware County and New York State who are granted the right to keep and bear arms under the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, This legislation also does not adequately address regulation of those who are dangerously mentally ill and the many acts of violence committed by criminals who are likely to ignore this legislation, and does not address the concerns of many residents, particularly those in rural communities, to possess firearms for the purpose of home or self defense; and

WHEREAS, The Delhi Town Board does hereby affirm support for the Second Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and the rights afforded to residents under the Constitution, and opposes attempts to infringe on those rights; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Delhi Town Board affirms support for the Second Amendment, and states opposition to the legislation adopted by the State Legislature restricting the rights of gun owners, and opposes attempts on the Federal level to implement new restrictions on these rights; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Delhi Town Board is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Representative Chris Gibson, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator John Bonacic, State Senator Thomas Libous, State Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney and Assemblyman Peter Lopez.

February 11, 2013

Roll Call:

Supervisor Peter J. Bracci	<u>yes</u>
Councilman James Bracci	<u>yes</u>
Councilman Kevin Lee	<u>yes</u>
Councilman W. Allan Perkins	<u>yes</u>
Councilman Rodney Decker	<u>yes</u>