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**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: “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,” an individual right affirmed by the United States Supreme Court and;

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey was the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear arms, and the New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized it as a fundamental rights of its citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation introduced in the State Legislature, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has expressed its deep commitment to the rights of citizens of Warren County to keep and bear Arms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to express its intent to stand for Second Amendment rights and to support the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and its efforts to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Phillipsburg Town Council declares as follows:

1. The Town Council hereby express its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Phillipsburg and further express its support of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and its declaration that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Warren County to bear arms; and

2. The Town Council hereby declares Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey, as a “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Town.”

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on February 18, 2020.

 Victoria L. Kleiner, RMC