## **BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN**

## RESOLUTION \_ OF 2013

## 2nd Amendment Preservation

A Resolution of the Borough of New Britain, which shall be known and may be cited as the "2nd Amendment Preservation Resolution."

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows, "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." Furthermore, Article 1 Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania states, "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned;" and

WHEREAS, to prevent Federal, State or local infringement on the right to keep and bear firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition, citizens, citizens' groups and political subdivisions must assert, in every available public forum, the primacy of the Second Amendment to prevent enactment of legislation or government action in any form, that tends to limit existing Second Amendment rights;

## WHEREFORE, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

- A. That All enactments by the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as of December 31, 2012, regulating firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition, were reasonable and adequate to the protection of the public as an exercise of the police power, without impermissibly compromising the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.
- **B.** Any further regulation by the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that imposes additional limitations and restraints upon the purchase, ownership, use and transfer of firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition, in the absence of an amendment to the Constitution, will be accomplished unlawfully, in direct violation of the guarantees of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution as well as in violation of the intent of the nation's Founders and existing Second Amendment jurisprudence.
- C. New Britain Borough strongly objects to the passage of any new law or regulation, whether by legislation or Executive Order or rule making, that infringes upon Second Amendment rights, or rights guaranteed pursuant to Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania

Constitution and demands as well, that all elected and appointed officials of the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will honor the Founders' intention that the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed and that each will uphold his and her oath of office to defend the said Constitutions as they are written.

DULY RESOLVED THIS	DAY OF	2013.
	Ву:	
•	ROBERT BELCHIC, PRESIDENT	
ATTEST:		
SECRETARY		
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APPROVED BY:		
DAVID HOLEWINSKI		
MAYOR		