



## **RESOLUTION 2023-12**

### **RE: SECOND AMENDMENT DEDICATED COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;" and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states; and

**WHEREAS**, the People of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Crow Wing County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation, beyond existing laws to date, that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature in the future, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress in the future, could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any new legislation containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Crow Wing County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Crow Wing County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law in the future, beyond existing laws to date, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Crow Wing County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a County Dedicated to upholding the Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts in the future to unconstitutionally restrict such rights.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Crow Wing County Minnesota:

That the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as a "Second Amendment Dedicated County;" and

That the Crow Wing Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Crow Wing County, Minnesota; and

The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms by opposing any new laws in the future that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Crow Wing County to keep and bear arms.