

**Resolution No. 2020-13**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR  
SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the Constitution states, “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”;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not connected in any way to the service of the militia; and

**WHEREAS**, abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey already has many laws and regulations restricting gun ownership possession and use that potentially infringe on citizens’ Second Amendment rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council believes that further regulation, including misapplied and misused “red flag” laws, violates the Second Amendment and the rights of gun owners.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Mayor and Council declares Borough of Franklin to be a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Borough as defined herein:

- a. The Borough of Franklin supports the rights of lawful gun owners to lawfully use firearms; to defend themselves, their loved ones and other innocents; to lawfully hunt to provide sustenance for their families; and to lawfully participate in shooting sports up to and including Olympic sports.
- b. The Borough of Franklin opposes further interference with, or abridging of, the rights of lawful gun owners.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a meeting of said Governing Body held on January 14, 2020.

  
Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk

| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES |      |       |         |        |
|-------------------------|------|-------|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL MEMBER          | AYES | NAYES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| CONCETTO FORMICA        | X    |       |         |        |
| JOSEPH LIMON            | X    |       |         |        |
| JOHN POSTAS             | X    |       |         |        |
| STEPHEN SKELLENGER      | X    |       |         |        |
| GILBERT SNYDER          | X    |       |         |        |
| STEPHAN ZYDON JR.       | X    |       |         |        |
| MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only) |      |       |         |        |