

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF)
BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE PURCHASE)
OF FIREARMS)

ORDER NO. 21-16

WHEREAS, the people of Jackson County, by and through their elected Board of County Commissioners, desire to reaffirm and support the protections and rights granted by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, all public officials elected or appointed to an office under the Constitution of the State of Oregon swear an oath to support these instruments; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and the absolutely clear language of Article I, Section 27 of the Constitution of the State of Oregon provide “that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, attempts at incremental infringements shall be construed as an overt disregard of the undeniable protections and rights of these aforementioned documents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County recognize that the first and last protectors of the Constitution of the United States of America are the individual citizens of the United States, and the ability of the citizens to fulfill that role rests in large part on the citizen’s right to bear arms as guaranteed within the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the current firearms purchase background check system rarely results in criminal prosecutions or convictions of prohibited persons, and the criminal element does not follow the laws currently in place; therefore, creating additional restrictive laws will do nothing to increase compliance, but will increase the work load on law enforcement.

Now, therefore,

The Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County PROCLAIMS:

1. Jackson County opposes any expansion of Oregon’s “background check” system for transfers of firearms between qualified and law abiding persons.

2. Jackson County opposes any additional state and federal laws, regulations, or restrictions on the Constitutional rights held within the Second Amendment.

DATED this 17th day of February, 2016, at Medford, Oregon.


JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Rick Dyer, Chair



Colleen Roberts, Commissioner



Doug Breidenthal, Commissioner

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