



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Affirming the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Right of Self-Defense

Executive Summary: This resolution reaffirms support for the constitutional right to keep and bear arms and the right of self-defense under both the United States and Washington State constitutions. It emphasizes that these rights are fundamental liberties, opposes government actions that unduly burden lawful firearm ownership, and calls on endorsed candidates and elected officials to consistently defend Second Amendment and self-defense protections.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States recognizes and protects the individual right of the people to keep and bear arms through the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington declares that "the right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired"; and

WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional liberty that predates government and serves as an important safeguard of personal security, self-defense, individual freedom, and the preservation of a free society; and

WHEREAS, law-abiding citizens possess a legitimate right to defend themselves, their families, their homes, and their property against unlawful threats and acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, responsible firearm ownership is exercised by millions of law-abiding Americans who safely and lawfully possess, use, carry, and maintain firearms for self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, recreation, and other lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, constitutional rights are rights that belong to the people and should not be treated as privileges granted or withheld at the discretion of government; and

WHEREAS, governmental policies that unnecessarily burden, restrict, or impair the lawful exercise of constitutional rights undermine the protections guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Washington Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party (the "Party") reaffirms its unwavering support for the individual right to keep and bear arms as protected by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party affirms the right of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves, their families, their homes, their property, and their communities using lawful means consistent with constitutional and statutory protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party opposes governmental infringement upon the lawful acquisition, ownership, possession, use, storage, transfer, or carrying of firearms by law-abiding citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party opposes policies that treat responsible firearm ownership as a privilege rather than a constitutional right secured to the people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports the rights of responsible gun owners and opposes laws, regulations, or administrative actions that unnecessarily burden the lawful exercise of Second Amendment rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party recognizes that constitutional rights must be protected consistently and equally for all law-abiding citizens and that the exercise of those rights should not be subject to arbitrary, discriminatory, or politically motivated restrictions; and

(ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARD) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates and elected officials receiving Party endorsement shall, without exception, demonstrate consistent support for the constitutional right to keep and bear arms and for the lawful exercise of self-defense rights guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the right to keep and bear arms, together with the right of self-defense, remains a fundamental component of individual liberty, personal responsibility, constitutional government, and the preservation of a free and secure society.

Adopted by we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, assembled in convention on this 22nd day of August 2026.

Signed: _____,

Chair, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

Signed: _____,

Secretary, Spokane County Republican Party Convention