

**A RESOLUTION BY THE WARREN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
COMMITTEE TO THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REQUESTING THAT WARREN COUNTY BE DECLARED A
SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the people of Warren County, Iowa have the natural, inalienable right to keep and bear arms for the defense of life, liberty, and property,¹ and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that this natural, inalienable right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and

WHEREAS, this natural, inalienable right of the people to keep and bear arms is not mentioned in the Constitution of the State of Iowa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Republican Central Committee requests that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Warren County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, and that the Warren County Board of Supervisors thereby states its opposition to the enactment of any legislation, the issuance of any executive order, or the promulgation of any regulation that infringes upon the natural, inalienable right of the people of Warren County to keep and bear arms for the defense of life, liberty and property.

Approved by the Warren County Republican Central Committee on February 14, 2022

¹ *Heller reaffirms a point made in the 1876 Cruikshank case. The right to [bear] arms (unlike, say, the right to grand jury indictment) is not a right which is granted by the Constitution. It is a pre-existing natural right which is recognized and protected by the Constitution:*

[I]t has always been widely understood that the Second Amendment, like the First and Fourth Amendments, codified a pre-existing right. The very text of the Second Amendment implicitly recognizes the preexistence of the right and declares only that it "shall not be infringed." As we said in United States v. Cruikshank, "[t]his is not a right granted by the Constitution. Neither is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence. The Second [A]mendment declares that it shall not be infringed. . . ."

David Kopel, "The Natural Right of Self-Defense: Heller's Lesson for the World," *ResearchGate* (Article appeared in *Syracuse Law Review*, April 2009), pp. 999-1,000,
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228284479_The_Natural_Right_of_Self-Defense_Heller's_Lesson_for_the_World.