

RESOLUTION DECLARING VAN ZANDT COUNTY
A SECOND AMENDMENT SAFE HAVEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of our nation, and 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.", and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the People.", and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court found in *Printz v. United States* (1997) that the Federal government cannot compel law enforcement officers of the States to enforce federal laws as it would increase the power of the Federal government far beyond that which the Constitution intends, and

WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution, Article 1, Section 23 states "Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State", and

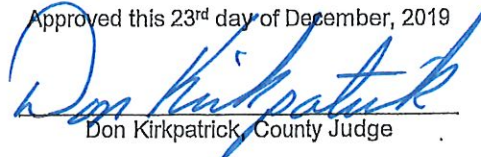
WHEREAS, Due to dual sovereignty structure of the Constitution, the Federal government has no authority to enforce state laws and States cannot be compelled to enforce federal laws, and

WHEREAS, The last protectors of the U.S. Constitution are the County Sheriffs and "We the People of the United States of America" and our ability to fulfill that role successfully rests on our Second Amendment rights.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, the People of Van Zandt County, through their duly elected Commissioners Court, Judge and Sheriff, hereby designate Van Zandt County a Second Amendment Safe Haven in order to preserve for the People of, on, and in Van Zandt County, their rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America,

FURTHERMORE, Any regulation that violates the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States of America shall be regarded by the People of Van Zandt County to be unconstitutional, and therefore by necessity, unenforceable and invalid, furthermore We, the People of Van Zandt County, Texas, through this resolution hereby declare our rights, our freedom and our liberty as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Approved this 23rd day of December, 2019


Don Kirkpatrick, County Judge


Brandon Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1


Virgil Melton Jr., Commissioner Pct. 2


Keith Pearson, Commissioner Pct. 3


Tim West, Commissioner Pct. 4