

PROCLAMATION AFFIRMING LEWIS COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD

CITIZENS' RIGHTS

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the foundation of government in the United States of America is a written constitution; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution provides a structure of government designed to prevent the rise of tyranny through a carefully designed system of separation of powers, preventing any one branch of that government from obtaining an advantage over the States and the People; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution includes a body of Amendments known as the Bill of Rights protecting of our citizens' most cherished liberties, to include Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, the Right to Peacefully Assemble, the Right to Petition the Government for Redress of Grievances, the Right to Bear Arms, the Right to be Secure in Their Property and Possessions, the Right Against Self Incrimination, the Right to Due Process and Fair Trials Before an Impartial Jury, and other essential rights and protections necessary to a free people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington further adopted a Constitution stating that "All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights"; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lewis County hold these individual rights and all amendments to the Constitution outlining these rights to be hallowed; and

WHEREAS, recent federal and state actions have sought to limit or eliminate certain traditionally-held rights of the people guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lewis County have expressed particular concern that their Second Amendment rights/right to bear arms (Article 1, Section 24 of the state Constitution) be preserved unimpaired; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board and other elected officials of Lewis County have taken a solemn oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Washington.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Lewis County Commissioners reaffirm their oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Washington.

Done in open session this 13th day of July 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Stamper, Chair

Lindsey R. Pollock, Vice Chair

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board