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# CITY MILITIA SUPPORT RESOLUTION

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Pre-vote speech – City Council



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Mr. Mayor, fellow councilmen, ladies and gentlemen, prominently placed in both the US and State Constitutions and within US and State Code is language that tells us that our founders expected us to maintain a militia within our communities in order to ensure the safety and security of our citizens.

So, in order to fulfill what I see as not only our right but our obligation to the Constitution we should in words and actions show our support for the unorganized militia that could in times of crisis be musters to help local authorities. I will remind everyone that the

The Second Amendment, to the US constitution, the one right after the first, and the one that guarantees the

survival of the first, reads “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.”

In Virginia we have Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides in “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power,”.

Our Militia Support Resolution affirms our belief that militias have had a significant place in our history, and in accordance with the Constitutions mentioned above should continue to have, a vital, peaceful and valuable place in our society. The right, and I would say obligation, for the body of the people to belong to the unorganized militia and train to arms should be welcomed in our community. A well-armed and well-trained unorganized militia can only make our community safer and more secure.

Tonight, if we vote yes on this resolution, we take a historic step and send a clear message to all those who scoff at the supremacy of the Constitutions of Virginia

and the USA, that the City Council, and by proxy, the Citizens of the City are committed to the rule of law, and the Constitution as being the highest law in the land.

In the Heller v. Washington DC Supreme Court Case, the Court said that The Antifederalists feared that the Government would disarm the people in order to disable the citizens' militia, enabling a politicized standing army or a select group to rule. The response then was to deny the legislature the power to abridge the ancient right of individuals to keep and bear arms through the constitution and code, so that the ideal of a citizens' right to bear arms and maintain a militia would be preserved.

George Washington stated, and I fully support, that “A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them”.

So, I recommend that this council stay true to its oath, stay true to the Constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia, stay true to our founders, and most importantly, stay true to the people we represent here in Norton pass this resolution unanimously

**Americans today have been conditioned to avoid doing what they know is right to avoid conflict.**

**Compromise is expected because there are no absolute truths anymore. People shrink from their duties as Americans and Citizens to appease the other side, to avoid conflict...and to what end? I'll tell you to what end...**

**I will tell you that we have become such sheep that we avoid conflict even at the risk of losing fundamental individual rights and liberties. We question the validity of our Values and the inherent rights that our founder's enshrined in the greatest political document in history, our Constitution. ARE we embarrassed to defend our birthright? ARE we willing to let others strip that birthright from us to avoid conflict?**

**I ask... Where does this end? Which natural and inherent right is next...If the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment or Article**

**1 Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia cannot be guaranteed, surely none of the other inherent rights can or will be either.**

**We stand on the high ground of history here tonight. The voices of our founding fathers are encouraging us and echo across the Commonwealth in similar resolutions passing almost daily. In passing these resolutions we collectively throw off the cloak of sheep, put on the armor of the Constitution and defend our liberties.**

**Our collective path must be to peacefully but with vigor, and resolve, oppose this fascism at every opportunity and meet the opposition with a patriot's courage.**

I want to be clear that support for the Constitutionally mandated militia is in no way to be construed as anti-law enforcement. On the contrary, militias are to be filled only with law abiding citizens with the intent to aid civil officials, to include law enforcement, in ensuring a safer and more secure society.

Mr. Mayor and fellow members of this Council, I do not know what others may do tonight as we slip towards a constitutional crisis here in the Commonwealth, but I will never apologize for being a patriot. I will not shrink from my oath to support and defend the Constitution, within which is the right to be part of a militia, and I will

not ever support the proposed anti-citizen / anti-militia bills that strip the good people of our Commonwealth from their right to bear arms, peaceably assemble, and train. According to the Constitution of Virginia we are all members of the unorganized militia with a duty to support the community when called.

**I am not a sunshine soldier who will shrink from my duty to my country, my state or my City.**

**I urge all of you to vote yes tonight.**

Now Mr. Mayor, with your permission I would like to introduce the resolution.