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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution 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.” and,

WHEREAS, Article I, § 17 of the Hawai‘i Constitution provides “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, certain legislation continues to be proposed that could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, § 17 of the Hawai‘i Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Hawai‘i is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing on the rights of the citizens of Hawai‘i to keep and bear arms, or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Hawai‘i; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Hawai‘i wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Hawai‘i to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Hawai‘i wishes to express opposition to laws which would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Hawai‘i to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Hawai‘i wishes to express its intent to stand as a sanctuary for Second Amendment rights to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Hawai‘i, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Republican Party of Hawai‘i in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, proudly reaffirm its oath of office: To solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of State of Hawai‘i, and to faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon us, to the best of our abilities, so help us God.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of Governor and Lt. Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, all County Mayors.