

**TOWNSHIP OF FREDON
RESOLUTION 2020-26**

DECLARING SUPPORT FOR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, 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”;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not connected in any way to the service of the militia; and

WHEREAS, abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey already has many laws and regulations restricting gun ownership possession and use that potentially infringe on citizens’ Second Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, a law-abiding citizen of the State of New Jersey who possesses a New Jersey Firearms Purchase Identification Card has met the burden of proof to be a law-abiding citizen;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that further regulation, including misapplied and misused “red flag” laws, violates the Second Amendment and the rights of gun owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Fredon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Mayor and Committee declares Township of Fredon to be a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Township as defined herein:

- a. The Township of Fredon supports the rights of lawful gun owners to lawfully use firearms; to defend themselves, their loved ones and other innocents; to lawfully hunt