

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09

2nd Amendment Preservation

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows, “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 1, Section 21 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania states: Right to Bear Arms. “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.” and

WHEREAS, the People and the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, while saddened and sympathetic to those people who have suffered tragedies related to the misuse of firearms are also deeply concerned that these tragic events will be used as excuses to infringe upon the constitutionally guaranteed individual right to keep and bear firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition; all of which infringements are in violation of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, Section 21 “Right to Bear Arms” of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST COVENTRY, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Coventry reaffirms its full support of the constitutionally protected individual right to bear arms, including but not limited to the right to own and acquire ammunition and other firearm accessories;
2. That the Township of East Coventry opposes efforts by the federal, state or other local governments to restrict or infringe upon the right to bear arms by enacting laws, orders, rules or regulations regarding firearms, firearms accessories or

ammunition as violations of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

3. That the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Coventry hereby encourages and establishes as its official policy to cooperate with responsible organizations, as for example and not limitation, the Boys Scouts of America, the National Rifle Association and other such organizations in their efforts to promote and teach firearm safety and the responsible use of firearms to the citizenry and residents of East Coventry Township and other communities;
4. That it shall be the policy of the Township of East Coventry to adopt or enact reasonable measures to promote the education about the nature and safe use of firearms through programs developed and presented by its police department or other organizations in order to enhance the public safety and discourage the unconstitutional enactment of any federal, state or local laws, orders, rules or regulations in violation of the people's right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and/or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED this 11th day of March, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
Chester County, Pennsylvania

ABSTAINED

Ray Kolb, Chair

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ATTEST

Bernard A. Rodgers
Bernard A. Rodgers, Secretary