



**COUNTY OF SOCORRO  
RESOLUTION № 2019-30**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION  
AND  
DECLARING SOCORRO COUNTY TO BE A  
SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regular duly noticed meeting on February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Socorro County Annex Building, 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, New Mexico; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power to, "provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants"; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA, 1978, Section 4-38-18 (1976) provides that a Board of County Commissioner has the duty and authority "[t]o represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the interest of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), decision affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and,