IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF BAKER

IN THE MATTER OF

SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1035

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WHEREAS, The Baker County Board of Commissioners are sworn to uphold the constitution and all amendments of the United States and the State of Oregon; and

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WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the constitution of the United States clearly 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"; and

WHEREAS, hunting firearms have long been utilized by our citizens and should not be classified as "assault weapons"; and

WHEREAS, the significant majority of all lawfully owned firearms in America will not be used in crime in any given year; and

WHEREAS, the criminal misuse of firearms by those in the criminal element is not a reason to deny the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, state and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures almed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing and even confiscation; and

WHEREAS, such proposed laws assume the guilt of all firearm owners without addressing those who have mental issues and/or criminally abuse firearms, contrary to the current state and federal laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Baker County Board of Commissioners goes on record as opposing further gun laws which would infringe on Baker County citizens rights to bear arms.

Done and Dated this 4th day of December, 2013.

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Fred Warner Jr., Commission Chair

Tim L. Kerns, Commissioner

Mark E. Bennett, Commissioner