

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD**

**RESOLUTION 20-61**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S  
SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT**

**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,” an individual right affirmed by the United States Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey was the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear arms, and the New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized it as a fundamental rights of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, certain legislation introduced in the State Legislature, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress 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

**WHEREAS**, Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Upper Deerfield Township to keep and bear Arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Upper Deerfield Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield desires to express its deep commitment to the rights of citizens of Upper Deerfield Township to keep and bear Arms;

**WHEREAS**, Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield desires to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Upper Deerfield Township, such as Assembly Bill 6003 proposed before the New Jersey General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield desires to express its intent to stand for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right to keep and bear Arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield hereby express its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Upper Deerfield Township and its intent that public funds of the Township not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Upper Deerfield Township to bear arms; and
2. The Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield hereby declare its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear Arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action.

Moved By: John L. Daddario

Seconded By: Scott Smith

VOTING

Bruce Peterson  
 James P. Crilley  
 John L. Daddario  
 Scott Smith  
 John O'Neill, Sr.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held February 20, 2020.

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 Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk