

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 5436 AND SENATE BILL 359**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the Rhode Island Constitution protect an individual's right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S.570 (2008), 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, House Bill 5436 and Senate Bill 359 that are being considered by the General Assembly would ban the sale of several semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and handguns in common competition and hunting usage and require the registration or confiscation and storage of these firearms if they are currently owned, and, further, make the Towns and Cities of Rhode Island, responsible for these costs; and

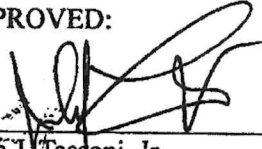
WHEREAS, these bills require a firearms registry even though 11 R.I.G.L. 47-41 prohibits the registration of firearms in Rhode Island;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED that the Smithfield Town Council opposes these bills as they are impractical in both application and enforcement; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, State Senators, State Representatives, the Governor and the Lt. Governor respectfully requesting their support.

PASSED: June 3, 2025

APPROVED:



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