

## RESOLUTION 18-04

### **RESOLUTION PROMOTING GUN SAFETY LAWS IN WASHINGTON STATE**

**Whereas** Resolution 13-2 Gun Safety adopted by the Clallam County Central Committee on August 21. 2013 is recognized;

**Whereas** the emergent and chronic impacts of gun violence have significantly worsened since Resolution 13-2 was approved;

**Whereas** the Citizens of Washington State have a right to protection from gun violence and have previously supported gun laws including I-594 and I-1491;

**Whereas** the Washington State Legislature has failed to address licensing of guns, restricting magazine capacity, enhancements which allow rapid fire beyond unaided discharge, safe storage, destruction of confiscated guns including guns used in a crime and a ban on assault weapons;

**Whereas** the majority opinion written by Justice Antonin Scalia in the 2008 Supreme Court decision regarding *District of Columbia vs Heller* states:

*“Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited...”. It is “...not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose....Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms.”*

*“We also recognize another important limitation on the right to keep and carry arms. Miller (an earlier case) said, as we have explained, that the sorts of weapons protected were those “in common use at the time”. We think that limitation is fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of ‘dangerous and unusual weapons.’”*

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Clallam County Democrats urge the Washington State Democratic Party to consider and adopt a Resolution comprising the relevant considerations noted above;

**Therefore be it further resolved**, that the Clallam County Democrats urge our elected State legislators Mike Chapman, Steve Tharinger and Kevin Van De Wege to introduce legislation that specifically addresses those issues noted above which will offer greater security and protection to the Citizens of Washington State; and

**Therefore be it finally resolved** that the Clallam County Democrats urge its membership to work with other gun safety advocates and promote a campaign supporting gun safety via the Press, Social Media and other appropriate means.

Adopted by the Membership of the Clallam County Democrats  
June 2, 2018