

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

INTRODUCED TO THE CHAIR

1/19/2013, as revised 2/6/2013

RESOLUTION 2013.2

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY OF OREGON

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to the DPLC Platform of 2012 to “Provide safety and reduce community, school, and domestic violence, ... Protect the Second Amendment [also Oregon Constitution: Art 1, Sec 27] right to bear arms while promoting reasonable and responsible gun ownership, ... and Promote demonstrably effective education, prevention and rehabilitation programs;”

WHEREAS, “the worth, dignity, rights and opinions of every person are respected, Protect the fundamental equal rights of every Oregon resident or visitor, especially against attacks on our basic liberties: Taking into account our common welfare, create laws that protect the individual rights of all Oregon residents, including the right to health, home, privacy and marriage, and freedom from hunger and fear;”

WHEREAS, Americans have been shocked by the seemingly endless acts of gun violence across the nation for 40 years, including the most recent shootings in Clackamas Town Mall and in Sandy Hook Elementary School, and in the past five years there have been 20 other gun massacres;¹

WHEREAS, even though the great majority of gun owners handle guns responsibly, more than 400 people have died across this land in this month since Sandy Hook, the balance of rights for those desiring 'freedom from fear' of gun violence needs to be righted; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Vice President Joe Biden met with stakeholders on all sides of the gun violence issue and submitted a set of actions to President Barack Obama, who signed 23 executive orders and made recommendations for 12 Congressional actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY OF OREGON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. To recognize and support the right to keep and bear arms in Article 1 Section 27 of the Oregon State Constitution and the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America as an individual right not granted by the government, but rather guaranteed by it.

SECTION 2. To adopt President Obama's "Common Sense Measures"² to control gun violence; and

SECTION 2. To support efforts to get reasonable measures with requisite funding passed by Congress,³ the state legislature, and local governing bodies.

**RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY OF OREGON, ASSEMBLED IN EUGENE, OREGON,
FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

Signed:

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Julie Fahey
Chair

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Andrew S. Becker
Secretary
