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**Representative Grendell**

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Riedel**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To declare that Ohio is a Second Amendment  
Protective State. 1  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights of the Ohio Constitution, 3  
Article I, Section 4, proclaims, "The people have the right to 4  
bear arms for their defense and security"; and 5

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the United States 6  
Constitution states, "a well-regulated militia, being necessary 7  
to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep 8  
and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and 9

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States, in 10  
*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed 11  
that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not 12  
connected to service of the militia; and 13

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States, in *United* 14  
*States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), stated firearms that are 15  
part of ordinary military use (weapons of common use) that can 16  
contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second 17  
Amendment; and 18

WHEREAS, There are an estimated nineteen million Americans 19  
who lawfully carry concealed firearms, and an estimated three 20  
hundred ninety-three million civilian-owned firearms in the 21  
United States; and 22

WHEREAS, Abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not 23  
reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders; and 24

WHEREAS, Violations of existing laws, statutes, and 25  
regulations are already criminal offenses, many being felonies; 26  
and 27

WHEREAS, Gun control laws are not evidence based; now 28  
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30  
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 31  
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare Ohio to be a Second 32  
Amendment Protective State; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 35  
news media of Ohio. 36