

Resolution No. 502

A resolution setting forth our respect for, and support of, constitutional rights in the City of Forks
The City of Forks will continue to vigorously support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, after gaining independence this nation adopted the United States Constitution as the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a constitutional republic, wherein the rights of the states and the people are ensured; and

WHEREAS, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, were adopted with the purpose, as stated in its preamble, of "extending the ground of public confidence in the Government" to "best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution"; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, the right to peaceably assemble, the right to due process under the law, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms are some of the many rights preserved in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, equal rights for men and women and civil rights for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin are secured by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Washington is a state within the United States and has full rights as a state; and

WHEREAS, in 1889, Washington approved its Constitution, stating in the preamble, "We, the people of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this constitution".

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution protects the rights of Washingtonians to freedom of religious liberty, speech, assembly, and to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, all rights contained in the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Washington are held in the highest esteem by the City of Forks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Forks opposes any law that infringes upon the constitutional rights of Forks citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Forks has been approached by citizens who are opposed to any legislation proposed by the Washington State Legislature, the Governor of Washington, the United States Congress, or the President of the United States that would infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms or would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, ammunition, or accessories necessary to citizens of the City of Forks for defense of life, liberty, and property; and

WHEREAS, those citizens have outlined their concern and opposition to any legislation considered by the Washington State Legislature, the Governor of Washington, the United States Congress, or the President of the United States that would require a specific firearms owner ID card, registration of firearms, or a tax on the possession of firearms or ammunition within the City of Forks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Forks hereby affirms our oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Forks opposes any efforts by any entity to infringe on the constitutional rights of the citizens of Forks and will continue to defend and protect these constitutional rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Forks encourages all Forks citizens to exercise their right to vote in elections as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Forks encourages the United States Congress and the Washington State Legislature to protect the freedoms of our citizens under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington, to reject any proposed law or regulation that will infringe on or burden these freedoms, or undermine the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Washington.

Passed on this 25th day of October 2021 by the City Council of Forks.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Attested to:



Audrey Grafstrom, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



William R. Fleck, Attorney/Planner