

# It's Time To Stand And Be Counted

The Right of Self Defense for all individuals is a God-given unalienable right that precedes our country's foundation and all government institutions. Our Founders believed this right was so vital that they unanimously declared it as part of the Bill of Rights. Their reference to the Militia within the Second Amendment is not a contradiction, as Founding Father George Mason stated, "I ask sir, what is the Militia? It is the whole people. To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them." This principle had nothing to do with hunting or target shooting, but had everything to do with liberty.

**Whereas**, our country is in great turmoil and a new movement is underway to destroy the principles that made America great in the first place and,  
**Whereas**, President Lincoln warned us that if America were ever to be destroyed, such destruction would come from within and,  
**Whereas**, Federal politicians are ignoring the inner city violence and recidivists, and are proposing registration and confiscation aimed at law abiding citizens and,  
**Whereas**, such statutes will only make criminals out of citizens who are neither criminals nor have the intention of committing any crimes whatsoever and,  
**Whereas**, the Supreme Law of the land expressly forbids gun control in America,

**Therefore**, in keeping with the Oath we each swore to protect and defend the United States Constitution and the Constitution of our State, and to do our duty to preserve the rights of the people we work for, we, the Sheriffs of America, do hereby declare and make it known, that we will oppose and disallow, any and all attempts to further erode the rights of the citizens of our counties and parishes. Accordingly, we oppose the current gun control scheme being proposed and any attempt to register gun owners or their firearms. In fine, the rights of the people to keep and bear arms **Shall Not Be Infringed**.

Please fill in the blanks with your name printed below and the county and state you represent, and then sign in the space provided.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ county/parish

State of \_\_\_\_\_ . Signed \_\_\_\_\_

OR

**NO**, I will not participate and believe we should have more gun control. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)