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BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SHERIFF AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT



Weld County Sheriff John Cooke addressed the Board of Commissioners during the January 28 meeting. From left: Cooke, Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway, Commissioner Douglas Rademacher, Commissioner Chairman William Garcia and Commissioner Mike Freeman.

WELD COUNTY, CO – At the Monday, January 28, 2013, board meeting, the Weld County Commissioners passed a resolution expressing support for the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article II, Section 13 of the Colorado Constitution.

The resolution cites two court cases in particular as support for the Board's position stating: "...the United States Supreme Court, in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual (rather than a collective) right to keep and bear arms, and in 2010, the United States Supreme Court further opined in the case of *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 130 S. Ct. 3020 (2010), that the right of an individual to keep and bear arms protected by the Second Amendment is incorporated into the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and applies to the States..."

The resolution continues: "Be it further resolved that the Board strongly urges the United States Congress and the Colorado General Assembly to refrain from enacting new legislation that would infringe on the

rights that are protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article II, Section 13 of the Colorado Constitution as set forth herein."

Weld County Sheriff John Cooke, who has voiced his opposition to President Obama's executive orders regarding gun control, thanked the Board for their resolution.

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