

**FIRST AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION**  
**OF CAMPBELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of Virginia Article 1, Section 1 states, “That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 section 12 states, “That the freedoms of speech and of the press are among the great bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained except by despotic governments; that any citizen may freely speak, write, and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right; that the General Assembly shall not pass any law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, nor the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for the redress of grievances;” and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Northam, through an unlegislated order, is prohibiting the gathering of more than 25 citizens at a single time; and,

**WHEREAS** this order is clearly in violation of the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 and sections 1 and 12; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors does not recognize the Governor’s order pursuant to the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 section 2 which states, “That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights; including the rights of all citizens of Campbell County to peaceably assemble and to engage in commerce for the financial support of themselves and their families, and

**WHEREAS**, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any order or law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Campbell County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment; and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Campbell County to freely exercise their religion; to peaceably assemble; to freely engage in commerce; to free movement of persons; and any other individual liberty recognized as belonging to the People.

**Whereas,** the means within the power of the Campbell County Supervisors includes the power to initiate legal action, the power to petition for redress of grievances, the power to appropriate funding for the law enforcement of Campbell County, and the power to direct the employees of Campbell County to not enforce any unconstitutional law or purported order, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Campbell County, Virginia:

1. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Campbell County, Virginia, as a “First Amendment Sanctuary” and expresses its intent to uphold the First Amendment and other clearly established rights of the People of Campbell County, Virginia.
2. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent that no Campbell County funds will be used to restrict the First Amendment and other clearly established rights of the People of Campbell County, and that no County funds shall be expended to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights.
3. No Campbell County employees, government funds, resources, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers, or offices may be used for the purpose of enforcing laws that unconstitutionally infringe on the Bill of Rights and other clearly established rights of the People.
4. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors supports local law enforcement who support the clearly established rights of the People; and requests its Sheriff to not assist any state law enforcement officer, state health agent or federal agent attempting to enforce the unconstitutional order of the Governor.
5. Campbell County employees may not assist in or promote the enforcement of Governor Northam’s Executive Orders 63 and 67, as amended; nor any other Executive Orders that purport to limit or direct the free exercise of religion; peaceable assembly; free engagement in commerce; free movement of persons; nor any other individual liberty recognized as belonging to the People.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Campbell, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on December 1, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

Aye:

Nay:

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors