

## **The Senate**

State of Iowa

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The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State Hand-Delivered

Re: Transmittal of Senate Joint Resolution 7

Dear Secretary Pate:

Please find the attached Senate Joint Resolution 7 for filing with your office that deals with a proposed amendment to Iowa's Constitution relating to the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This is the companion resolution to Senate Joint Resolution 18 that was adopted on March 13, 2019.

Please note the directive under Section 2 of the Resolution concerning "SUBMISSION TO ELECTORATE" that triggers the appropriate provisions of Iowa Code chapters 49, 49A, and any other applicable election laws.

Pursuant to Joint Senate/House Rule 21(2), this specific type of "joint resolution" does not require consideration and signature by the Governor.

Sincerely,

W. Charles Smithson

Secretary of the Senate



Senate Joint Resolution 7

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IOWA RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed:

Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section:

Right to keep and bear arms. Sec. 1A. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO ELECTORATE. The foregoing proposed amendment, having been adopted and agreed to by the 88th General Assembly, 2019 Session, thereafter duly published, and now adopted and agreed to by the 89th General Assembly in this joint resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the state of Iowa at the general election in November of the year 2022 in

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the manner required by the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the laws of the state of Iowa.

JAKE CHAPMAN

President of the Senate

PAT GRASSLEY Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this joint resolution originated in the Senate and is known as Senate Joint Resolution 7, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON Secretary of the Senate