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PETITION

TO ALLOW LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON FOR SELF DEFENSE:

WHEREAS:

- The Nevada Constitution provides that every citizen has the right to keep and bear arms for security and defense;
- 2. Criminals prefer unarmed victims;
- 3. The violent crime rate in Nevada continues to increase at an alarming rate:
- Thousands of law abiding citizens desire to carry concealed firearms on their
 persons to protect themselves from murderers, rapists, robbers, muggers, random
 shooters, drug pushers, and other violent criminals;
- Currently, the right to carry a concealed weapon is being arbitrarily denied by local authorities who often refuse to issue concealed weapons permits;
- These permits are denied or simply ignored without any reason or cause being stated;
- This arbitrary and capricious administration of the permit power constitutes an
 affront to the law abiding citizens who are denied these permits for no apparent
 reason except the whim of the local authorities.

THEREFORE, we the people of the State of Nevada, possessing the inalienable and God-given right to keep and bear arms, do hereby petition our State Legislature to enact a law to enable competent, law-abiding citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed weapons, including firearms, upon their persons, for the purpose of self-defense and other lawful purposes, and providing that such permits may only by denied for good and stated causes, such as criminal record, drug addiction, or incompetence.

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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WERE ALLOWED TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS?

In 1987 the State of Florida passed a law requiring the Department of State to issue permits allowing law-abiding, competent citizens, 21 years of age or older to carry concealed weapons. Only felons, incompetents, and drug abusers were disqualified. The liberal media raised a hue and cry against the law, predicting a return to "frontier style justice" and "Dodge City-Wild West" shoot-outs.

What actually happened? One year after passage, the President of the Florida Police Chief's Association had to admit that, even though he had opposed the law, there had not been one single crime committed by a licensed concealed gun carrier. The Police Chief's Association had to admit that "the law was working very well. There are no horror stories that can be attributed to the passage of the law."

The first reported shooting by a permit-holder occurred in 1990, three years after the passage of the law, when a taxi driver, Mark Yuhr, used his .45 caliber Colt to kill an armed ex-convict who climbed into his cab and tried to rob him.

What has happened since? The Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics for the period of January of 1990 and to December, 1991, shows murder down 3.8%, and robbery down 1.7%, aggrivated assault down 1.7%, burglary down 3.8%, and purse snatching down 7.3%.

IT WORKED IN FLORIDA - LET'S LET IT WORK IN NEVADA SUPPORT YOUR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE SIGN AND CIRCULATE THIS PETITION

THIS IS WHAT OUR FOUNDING FATHERS SAID

Thomas Jefferson: "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

Patrick Henry: "The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able may have a gun.

James Madison: "Americans have the right and advantage of being armed - unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust people with arms."

Samuel Adams: "The Constitution shall never be construed... to prevent *the people* of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

Alexander Hamilton: "The best we can hope for concerning the *people* at large is that they be properly armed."

James Madison: The right of the people to keep (to have and to hold, openly or concealed) and bear (carry, transport and use) firearms (weapons of self-defense, including the handgun which predated the rifle and has existed for self-defense since the 1500's) shall not be infringed (invalidated, limited, abridged). A well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained in arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country..."

George Mason: "I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials.

Etbridge Gerry: "I ask what is the purpose of the militia? To offset the need of large standing armies, the bane of liberty."

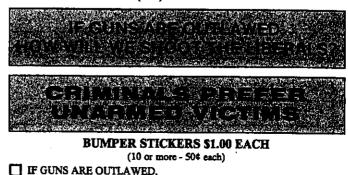
Thomas Jefferson: "The constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherently in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed; that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of the press."

George Washington; "Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. To ensure peace, security, happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensible. The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

Thomas Jefferson: "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

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