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Iowa Firearms Coalition Sets its Sights On Adding Second Amendment to State Constitution

Iowa citizens currently have no constitutional right to keep and bear arms

The Iowa Firearms Coalition (IFC) enthusiastically applauds the introduction of Senate Joint Resolution Two (SJR2) on day one of Iowa's 2017 legislative session. SJR2 would amend the Iowa Constitution and guarantee Iowans' right to keep and bear arms. Iowa is one of only six states in the entire country whose state constitution *does not* include a right to keep and bear arms provision.

"To put it bluntly, without our own state level constitutional protection, we are all just one bad bill in the legislature, or one bad court ruling in the Iowa Supreme Court, away from having our natural right to self-defense and firearms ownership either infringed or outright abrogated," says IFC Executive Director Barry Snell.

Building off several successes in 2016 such as legalizing suppressors and ATV Carry, as well as playing a key role in several high profile legislative races, IFC will once again be leading the grassroots push for several pro-gun owner pieces of legislation, including Stand Your Ground, Constitutional Carry, Permit Privacy, repealing Iowa's ban on supervised youth shooting, and more. Without a right to keep and bear arms provision in the Iowa Constitution however, all of these bills run the risk of being wiped out by judicial activism or an out-of-control legislature in the future.

Elected officials nationwide arguing for more gun control routinely use the phrase "I respect the Second Amendment, *but...*" Now thanks to the introduction of SJR2 Iowa lawmakers on both sides of the aisle will have an opportunity to prove that they truly do respect Iowans' Second Amendment rights by voting to add a right to keep and bear arms provision to the Iowa Constitution.

Iowa Firearms Coalition is a grassroots Second Amendment advocacy group. Responsible for bringing uniformity to Iowa's Permit to Carry process, legalizing suppressors and ATV Carry in Iowa IFC's members work to protect and enhance Second Amendment rights in Iowa. An affiliate of the National Rifle Association, the IFC actively seeks to foster and promote citizen's right to keep and bear arms. Sign up for our [email list](#) for the latest on Second Amendment issues in Iowa. You can support our work by [becoming a member](#), or [making a donation](#).