



# Iowa Firearms Coalition

*Defending your Second Amendment rights in Iowa*

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## **In Support of My County Becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary**

Second Amendment Sanctuary County resolutions like this send a clear message to officials at the **state** and **national** level: **lowans will not accept gun control laws that infringe on our fundamental and constitutionally protected rights.** We hope the Second Amendment sanctuary movement will help reduce or eliminate the restrictions and limits placed on law-abiding gun owners.

Right now, there is substantial pushback happening nationwide against the Biden Administration's plans to severely restrict our right to self-defense, and the modern arms and ammunition with which to do so. That pushback by state legislatures across the country is grounded in the fact that the Sovereign States (and those States that joined the Union after the original thirteen colonies became sovereign States) created our Federal Government with **limited powers**. The Federal Government **did not** create the States.

Sanctuary resolutions like this are completely in accord with the **anti-commandeering doctrine** established by the United States Supreme Court doctrine, beginning in 1842 in a case involving the Fugitive Slave Act. It prohibits the federal government from "commandeering" the authority, personnel or resources of the states for the enforcement of federal laws. State and local governments can't block federal agents from enforcing federal laws, but they don't have to cooperate in any way.

The Tenth Amendment limits the things that the Federal Government has jurisdiction over. Article 1, Section 8 of our Constitution defines those enumerated powers, all other power and authority is reserved to the States, and their individual State Legislatures.

The natural and fundamental rights of Iowa's citizens, whether our freedom of speech, of religion, of due process, or of self-defense, cannot be revoked by simple executive actions by any President or administration, nor by any act of Congress. These rights are inalienable – and a "law" against the Constitution is no law at all.