



Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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Constitutional Statement

7-19-21- On July 1, 2021 Sheriff Brian Burnett released the attached Constitutional Statement.

On July 15, 2021 Sheriff Burnett, who is also the Vice President on the Washington State Sheriff's Association board, joined 36 other Sheriffs by signing a statement supporting and safeguarding Washingtonian's constitutional rights.

Please see both statements attached and pictures from the July 15, 2021 signing below.

*Group photo was taken on July 15, 2021. Not all supporting Sheriffs were able to attend this meeting, but all 37 have signed and endorsed this statement.



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July 1, 2021

With much discussion and concern voiced by Chelan County residents and others on the topic of the U.S. and Washington State Constitutions, I feel it warranted to send the following message for all citizens and visitors to Chelan County in order to safeguard any concerns or fears they may have on this topic.

Prompted by increasing public concern to safeguard constitutional rights and as the elected Sheriff of Chelan County, Washington, I soundly reaffirm my sworn oath to "support, obey, and defend" the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington.

I humbly serve as the chief law enforcement executive of Chelan County in this great State of Washington. As such, I publicly reassert my individual duty to defend the inherent rights guaranteed and protected by the Constitution for all citizens of Chelan County.

Importantly, the Second Amendment of our divinely inspired Constitution clearly states "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed". I hereby recognize a significant principle underlying the Second Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms is indispensable to the existence of a free people.

As your elected Sheriff, I pledge to do everything within my power to steadfastly protect the Second Amendment and all other individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution. I understand that the destructive influences currently existing in our country will only relent when men and women everywhere genuinely care for each other. In order to be a strong and prosperous people, we must rely on Providence, and care deeply about preserving the Constitution and its freedoms.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Burnett".

Brian Burnett

Chelan County Sheriff

Integrity ★ Teamwork ★ Excellence

Jason Mathews
Undersheriff

★ **Jason Reinfeld**
★ Chief of Special Operations

Adam Musgrove
Chief of Patrol

★ **Kim Oglesbee**
★ Chief Civil Deputy

★ **Jan Brincat**
★ Executive Assistant



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July 15, 2021

Prompted by increasing public concern to safeguard constitutional rights, we, the elected Sheriffs of Washington State, soundly reaffirm our sworn oaths to “support, obey, and defend” the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington.

We humbly serve as the chief law enforcement executives for 37 counties of the great State of Washington. As such, we publicly reassert our individual and collective duty to defend all of the constitutional rights of our citizens.

Importantly, the Second Amendment of our divinely inspired Constitution clearly states ... “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”. We hereby recognize a significant principle underlying the Second Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms is indispensable to the existence of a free people.

As your elected Sheriffs, we individually and collectively pledge to do everything within our power to steadfastly protect the Second Amendment and all other individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution. We understand the destructive influences currently existing in our country will only relent when women and men everywhere genuinely care for each other. We must rely on Providence and care deeply about preserving the Constitution and its freedoms in order to be a strong and prosperous people.

Respectfully,

Your elected Sheriffs of Washington State

President

Tom Jones
Grant County

Vice President

Brian Burnett
Chelan County

Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Crider
Walla Walla County

Past President

John Snaza
Thurston County

Officially endorsed by the following Sheriffs of Washington State:

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| Dale Wagner | Adams County Sheriff's Office |
| John Hilderbrand | Asotin County Sheriff's Office |
| Jerry Hatcher | Benton County Sheriff's Office |
| Brian Burnett | Chelan County Sheriff's Office |
| Bill Benedict | Clallam County Sheriff's Office |
| Chuck Atkins | Clark County Sheriff's Office |
| Joe Helm | Columbia County Sheriff's Office |
| Brad Thurman | Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office |
| Kevin Morris | Douglas County Sheriff's Office |
| Raymond Maycumber | Ferry County Sheriff's Office |
| Jim Raymond | Franklin County Sheriff's Office |
| Drew Hyer | Garfield County Sheriff's Office |
| Tom Jones | Grant County Sheriff's Office |
| Rick Scott | Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office |
| Rick Felici | Island County Sheriff's Office |
| Joe Nole | Jefferson County Sheriff's Office |
| Clay Myers | Kittitas County Sheriff's Office |
| Bob Songer | Klickitat County Sheriff's Office |
| Rob Snaza | Lewis County Sheriff's Office |
| Wade Magers | Lincoln County Sheriff's Office |
| Casey Salisbury | Mason County Sheriff's Office |
| Tony Hawley | Okanogan County Sheriff's Office |
| Robin Souvenir | Pacific County Sheriff's Office |
| Glenn Blakeslee | Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office |
| Ed Troyer | Pierce County Sheriff's Office |
| Ron Krebs | San Juan County Sheriff's Office |
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| Dave Brown | Skamania County Sheriff's Office |
| Adam Fortney | Snohomish County Sheriff's Office |
| Ozzie Knezovich | Spokane County Sheriff's Office |
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| Mark Howie | Wahkiakum County Sheriff's Office |
| Mark Crider | Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office |
| Bill Elfo | Whatcom County Sheriff's Office |
| Brett Myers | Whitman County Sheriff's Office |
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