



THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICA

# Resolution



**WHEREAS,** The National Rifle Association of America (NRA) was originally founded in 1871 for the purpose of serving as America's national organization dedicated to the patriotic endeavor of training civilians in the use of military arms so as to enable patriotic citizens to be fully prepared to come to the defense of their country in times of war and national crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** The Founders of this great Association recognized early on that the best method for encouraging marksmanship practice among patriotic Americans was to harness the American competitive spirit, thus giving birth to the NRA's competitive shooting programs and the National Matches; and

**WHEREAS,** Article II of the Bylaws of the National Rifle Association sets forth the Corporate Purposes and Objectives of our Association, Number 4 of which reads as follows: **"To foster and promote the shooting sports, including the advancement of amateur competitions in marksmanship at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels"**; and

**WHEREAS,** Since our founding, competitive shooting has been and remains a fundamental business of the National Rifle Association of America as a core service to our members, serving not only as the basis for all safety and marksmanship training, but further serving to provide Americans with an opportunity to responsibly and safely exercise their Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and giving to individuals, clubs and teams an incentive to protect and defend those rights and to encourage others to do likewise; and

**WHEREAS,** During the years immediately following the end of World War II and the Korean Conflict, the NRA enjoyed a tremendous growth in the formation of NRA affiliated clubs as the result of those returning veterans seeking an opportunity to enjoy and exercise the shooting skills they had learned while in service to our Country in a recreational and social environment founded upon a competitive shooting format; and

**WHEREAS,** Much of this Association's political success in protecting and defending the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes is directly attributable to the efforts of the clubs and associations that make up NRA's network of clubs and associations, many of which began as, and to this day remain, "competitive shooting clubs"; and

**WHEREAS,** When modern Americans think in terms of competitive shooting disciplines and events they immediately and automatically think of the NRA; and

**WHEREAS,** The NRA's competitive shooting programs and events are well respected and well received throughout modern American culture, providing goodwill and positive publicity for the NRA throughout America, as well as internationally; and

**WHEREAS,** The NRA is fully recognized and respected throughout the free world as America's official representative to the International Shooting Community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America does hereby re-state, re-acknowledge and re-affirm its support for, and commitment to, NRA Competitive Shooting, America's competitive shooting community, and to NRA's competitive shooting members; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the contents of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be published electronically in SHOOTING SPORTS USA and in such other electronic publications of this Association as the Executive Vice President may deem to be appropriate; posted on NRA's Competitive Shooting Division's web page; transmitted electronically to each NRA State Association and NRA competitive shooting club; and sent via email to each registered competitor and volunteer participating in each of NRA's National Championship events conducted during the 2013 competitive shooting season.

Attest:

Edward J. Land, Jr.

On this

16<sup>TH</sup>

day of

October 2013