

## **Resolution - Defense of Person and Property**

**Whereas** our Constitution demands that no one be deprived of life, liberty or property except by due process of law;

**Whereas** while George Floyd had a criminal history of arrest and incarceration spanning decades, including for armed robbery and threatening to murder a woman and her unborn child, his death during restraint in an attempted arrest denied him his constitutional right to trial;

**Whereas** justice demanded that the person(s) responsible be identified, and held to give an account before his/their peers as to whether or not actions taken were justified;

**Whereas** justice was being served, as the man seen restraining Floyd as he died, was identified, arrested, charged, and stood trial;

**Whereas** in consideration of the preceding, there was no just cause for the violent protests and rioting seen nationwide,

**Whereas** we saw police and first responders stand and watch as rioters destroyed life and property across America, while at the same time themselves being at risk of loss of life and limb while being assaulted by the rioters;

**Whereas** our police and first responders have stood by not out of fear of the rioters, but are instead restrained by threat of prosecution for any harm suffered by the rioters;

**Whereas** we have seen our elected representatives act to appease these violent actors through promises of symbolic and/or legislative actions, which only serve to embolden and actually empower them further;

**Whereas** we have seen, for political gain, rogue DA's prosecute police officers for harm suffered by participants in violent protests:

- **Officer stood against violent rioters, No Billed by Grand Jury, Charged by Dallas DA**
- **19 Officers Charged by Austin DA for Defending Against Violent Rioters**

**Whereas** in consideration of the preceding, it is painfully apparent that our elected officials and police either cannot or will not defend us under existing legislative restraints;

**Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved** that we the Delegates of Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ hereby demand that current statutes be amended to:

- a) Empower people to defend themselves and their property, wherever located, against violent actors, and to do so with no duty to retreat and with any and all means available to them, to include seeking and obtaining help from neighbors or countrymen, and that it shall be a defense to prosecution that one so acted out of fear of harm **or** loss of life or property;
- b) Expand immunity statutes to fully protect from prosecution, police, and other defenders, defending against or acting to quell any mass act of violence or destruction of persons and/or property.