

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 578

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Right to Keep and Bear Arms  
Week.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2012

Mr. REHBERG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Right to Keep  
and Bear Arms Week.

Whereas the right to self defense is a natural right which is  
not granted by the laws of the government but is rather  
universal and inalienable for all people;

Whereas the right to keep and bear arms is a necessary com-  
ponent of self defense, for protection from threats both  
natural and man-made;

Whereas the Second Amendment to the United States Con-  
stitution reads “A well regulated Militia, being necessary  
to the security of a free State, the right of the people to  
keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed”;

Whereas the Constitution also conditions the legitimacy of government authority upon the consent of the governed, and the respect for and protection of natural rights;

Whereas all levels of government, city, county, State, and Federal, and all branches of government, legislative, judicial and executive, are required by the Bill of Rights to respect the natural rights protected in the Second Amendment;

Whereas any government official who would undermine that right, or stand idly by while others undermine it, is betraying the public trust;

Whereas 44 States have included the right to keep and bear arms as part of their State constitutions;

Whereas the week beginning with the first Monday in March is dedicated as “an official week of observance” in the State of Montana to “commemorate Montana’s valued heritage of the right of each person to keep and bear arms in the defense of his home, person or property or in aid of civil power”; and

Whereas it is critical that all people in the United States understand the importance of the Second Amendment and have the opportunity to celebrate their undeniable right to keep and bear arms: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
- 3       Right to Keep and Bear Arms Week;
- 4               (2) encourages the designation of a National
- 5       Right to Keep and Bear Arms Week; and

1           (3) encourages the people of the United States  
2           to observe and celebrate National Right to Keep and  
3           Bear Arms Week by attending rallies in support of  
4           the Second Amendment, participating in shooting  
5           events, purchasing firearms and ammunition, con-  
6           ducting or attending training about safe firearm use,  
7           contacting elected officials to encourage respect for  
8           the Second Amendment, and all other lawful ways.

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