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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TENNESSEE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 0051

WHEREAS, the Tennessee House Joint Resolution 0051 is titled “*A Resolution to seek Almighty God's hand of ever-present mercy and healing on Tennessee*”; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee House Joint Resolution 0051 provides in part that, “*the period of July 1 through July 31 of each year be recognized as a time of prayer and fasting in Tennessee*”; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution reads,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that our national and State founders trusted in the omnipotent hand of Providence to bless our land and to guide their actions; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that these founders established our nation and our State on the Judeo-Christian values outlined in the Bible, including the concept that governments are established by God to protect the rights of the individual and the teachings to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us" and to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that from these ideas, the Tennessee Volunteer spirit flows; and

WHEREAS, we understand that only a continued commitment and adherence to these values and the laws of Nature and Nature's God, coupled with a dedication to our Constitution, can thwart the forthcoming attacks against our Tennessee way of life; and

WHEREAS, we are thankful that Tennessee has been blessed by Providence with abundant resources and a prosperity resultant from liberty; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the periods of economic stability Tennessee has enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, despite these blessings, our citizens and neighbors will continue to face challenges, many of which may not have been seen before in this State or nation; and

WHEREAS, our citizens and neighbors continue to have concerns about the security of our national borders and attacks on our institutions and way of life; and

WHEREAS, exposing, resisting, and removing corruption from all levels of government is vital to maintaining liberty for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking (slavery) was, is, and forever will be an unacceptable evil in our State and nation that destroys the lives of

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thousands, depriving them of their Creator-endowed rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, acts of criminal violence in our communities are and will remain unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the dependence on and the addiction to drugs and alcohol will continue to overwhelm our government finances, our healthcare and mental health systems, and our law enforcement resources, adversely affecting workforce productivity and damaging families; and

WHEREAS, a high divorce rate and an expansive need for foster care indicates a brokenness in Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, building strong and committed families where the father and mother are committed to one another, their children, and their community is foundational to a healthy Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the suicidal and infanticidal tendencies bombarding our culture from all directions belie the truth that everyone's life has value because we are created in the image of God; and

WHEREAS, we know that societies that fail to honor all life cannot survive; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, our leaders have called people to seek the Creator's favor and mercy by issuing proclamations like the one issued by John Adams on March 23, 1798: "As the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the People owe to Him, but a duty whose natural influence is favorable to the promotion of that Morality and Piety, without which social Happiness cannot exist nor the Blessings of a Free Government be enjoyed; and as this Duty, at all times incumbent, is so especially in seasons of Difficulty or of Danger, when existing or threatening Calamities, the just Judgments of God against prevalent Iniquity, are a loud call to Repentance and Reformation...Under these considerations it has appeared to me that the Duty of imploring the Mercy and Benediction of Heaven on our Country demands, at this time, a special attention from its Inhabitants"; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our duty to legislate responsibly but also understand that solving these problems will require the blessing and protection of Almighty God and a unity of purpose within our communities; and

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WHEREAS, we hold that "...except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps. 127:1(b)).

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet recognizes the importance of unity, reflection, and the well-being of its citizens and supports efforts that encourage individuals and communities to seek guidance, healing, and restoration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee as follows:

Section 1. Support of HJR 0051: The City Commission of Mt. Juliet hereby expresses its support for Tennessee House Joint Resolution 0051.

Section 2. Encouragement to Citizens: The City Commission encourages the citizens of Mt. Juliet to follow the guidance set forth in HJR 0051, to the best of their ability and willingness to do so, including participation in a time of prayer and fasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

In case of conflict between this resolution or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing resolution of the City, the conflicting resolution is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:

James Maness, Mayor

Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Jennifer Hamblen, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney