## A RESOLUTION TO ENACT LAW TO UPHOLD TENNESSEE STATE SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS, Federal overreach by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the United States government has, at times exceeded their constitutional authority impacting most aspects of American life and state governance; and

WHEREAS, usurpations by federal agencies upon state and local government include: federal court decision-making concerning state and local government affairs, bureaucratic rule making by federal agencies, and by federal law making outside of constitutional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants only authorized and specifically enumerated, limited powers to the federal government by the states and its citizens. As the federal government's overreach has increased, so has the problem of reconciling state and citizen's interests with that of Federal interest and powers; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Constitution, Article 1, Section 1 declares that "all power is inherent in the people and....the people have "an unalienable and indefeasible right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such a manner as they think proper" to nullify illegal federal action; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary and proper for Tennessee to nullify unconstitutional federal actions to maintain state sovereignty in areas of authority that are reserved to the states by the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution which reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people"; and

WHEREAS, HB2795/SB2775 introduced in 2024 will "establish processes by which the general assembly may nullify an unconstitutional federal statute, regulation, agency order, or executive order. Section 9(5) of HB2795/SB2775 restores to We The People (WTP) of TN the authority by which WTP can, in absence of appropriate initiation of a nullification bill by the temporary occupants of Tennessee's established organs of government, initiate the necessary nullification legislation by petition of registered voters. Once initiated, the said nullification bill must go to the House & Senate floors for recorded roll call votes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED,\_\_5th District Conservative Republicans\_\_\_\_\_encourages the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee to enact law to nullify unconstitutional federal actions reserved to the states by the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, as it deems proper and necessary to restore state sovereignty; and

**RESOLVED**, A copy of this adopted resolution be sent to all Knox County State Delegation members, Knox County Commissioners, Governor of Tennessee, the Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Speaker of the House.

Adopted the 27 day of February, 2024

President

Michael & Mollenhour