

*Sullivan County*  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*243<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session*

Item 8  
Resolution No. 2023-12-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of December 2023.

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO ENACT LAW TO FACILITATE NULLIFICATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL ACTION AND FEDERAL OVERREACH TO UPHOLD STATE SOVEREIGNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Federal overreach is running rampant in the United States of America impacting all aspects of life and governance; and

**WHEREAS**, all three branches of the United States government, executive, legislative, and judicial have, at times, exceeded their constitutional authority; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments suffer from interference by: federal actions, federal court decisions made concerning state and local affairs of government, bureaucratic rulemaking by federal agencies, and by federal law making outside of constitutional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local government departments are often held hostage by federal funding mandates that are designed to control state and local policies by the power of the federal purse; and

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary and proper from time to time for the state of Tennessee to nullify federal actions and overreach to maintain state sovereignty in areas of authority that are reserved to the states by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which reads as follows: *“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.”*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 as follows:

**SECTION 1**, That the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee is urged to enact law to facilitate nullification of federal actions and overreach as it deems proper and necessary to maintain state sovereignty, giving deference to the language, or similar language, included in the document attached hereto as Exhibit A, more specifically titled House Bill 726 and Senate Bill 1092, of the 2023 legislative session.

**SECTION 2**, That upon approval and signing of this resolution, the Sullivan County Clerk is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the governor of the state of Tennessee, the state representatives and state senator that represent Sullivan County, Tennessee, the speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and the Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee.

**This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.**

**Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

**Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa L. Jacobs, County Clerk**

**Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor**

**Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means**

**Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Zane Vanover, Joe Carr, Hunter Locke, David Hayes, Joe McMurray,  
Larry Crawford, David Akard, Matt Slagle, Gary Stidham**

**2023-12-07 ACTIONS: Introduced on December 14 at Work Session**