

RESOLUTION NO. 22-11-013

County Commission Sponsors: Ron French, Mike Akard, Jessica Hannah, Brad Bowers,
Steve Mikels and Nick Bright

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT THE MEDICAL FREEDOM OF THOSE SERVING IN THE TENNESSEE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND TENNESSEE STATE GUARD

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard provide a vital service to the citizens of Tennessee in times of emergency, and to the United States for national security; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration and the U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin issued an arbitrary order that Tennessee Army and Air National Guard service members be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus as a condition of their service to the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, said vaccinations are making recruiting efforts difficult, compromising the readiness of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, and violating the medical freedom of our guardsmen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body Blount County, Tennessee meeting in regular session this 17th day of November 2022, that:

SECTION 1: We urge the Governor of Tennessee to act as follows to mitigate the arbitrary and unjustified action to require COVID-19 vaccinations of Tennessee Guardsmen as a condition of service to our great state and our nation:

- a. Reinstate the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members full benefits who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine; and
- b. Publicly condemn the firings and non-pay status of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members; and
- c. Request that the Tennessee Attorney General coordinate a lawsuit and file an emergency injunction with other states against the Department of Defense for the unjustified vaccine mandate published by the U. S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin on August 24th, 2021. (Reference Title 32); and
- d. Issue salary payments to the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who are on a no-pay status relative to State Active Duty (SAD) orders for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine; and
- e. Request the Tennessee Adjutant General, Major General Jeffery Holmes, to halt any further firings of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine, including those with medical or religious exemptions; and
- f. File a Request for Information and/or subpoena the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard for any documentation related to vaccination results within the state regarding vaccine injuries, guard member retention, and readiness of the force over the past 6 years and make public any findings thereof; and

- g. End the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the Tennessee State Guard, a volunteer state force that is not federally funded and cannot be federalized for any deployments.

SECTION 2: A copy of this resolution be transmitted to each of the State Legislators representing Blount County, Tennessee, with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken by the Tennessee General Assembly in regular or special called session to facilitate the recommendations made in Section 1 of this resolution.

Adopted this this 17th day of November 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION:

ATTEST:

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date