RESOLUTION No. 24-12-015

Sponsored by Commissioners Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Rick Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb and David Wells

THIS RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED IN MEMORY OF THE LATE COMMISSIONER RICHARD WILLIAMS, JR.

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SAFE PASSAGE IN BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR A CERTAIN VISITOR FROM THE NORTH POLE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of December, 2024, that:

- WHEREAS, the runways at the McGhee Tyson Airport have been extended, and the Superintendent of Highways has worked with the Tennessee Department of Transportation on facilitating a safe landing pad in Blount County; and
- WHEREAS, the inspection of Santa's sleigh has revealed that the sleigh, while old, is in remarkable condition, and by recommending the proper diet and exercise throughout the year, the veterinarians of Blount County have given a clean bill of health to eight tiny reindeer; and
- WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department deputies are willing to give their time and effort to protect travel on December 24, and the physicians in the county have examined this portly old gentleman from the North Pole and found him in the best of health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, that this portly old gentleman be extended all the rights, courtesies, and privileges to travel throughout this county to deliver gifts, good will, charity, happiness, and a jolly *Ho-Ho-Ho* to all Blount Countians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a point in time be called from December 24 at 6:00 p.m. to December 25 at 6:00 a.m. and that the Blount County Legislative Body wishes all a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become a part of the official records of the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION	ATTEST
Commission Chairman	County Clerk
County Mayor Approved Vetoed	Date