

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08-027

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

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING RON FRENCH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE CITIZENS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled this ____ day of _____, 2026:

WHEREAS, Ron French began his tenure as the Blount County Commissioner for the Ninth (9) Commission District - Seat A on September 1, 1998, having been reelected by district citizens in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022, marking a total of twenty-four years of dedicated public service to Blount County citizens; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Blount County Commissioner, Ron French has contributed generously and earnestly of his time, endeavoring to help the citizens in his district, as well as all citizens of Blount County, by giving support for the implementation of policies which have resulted in a more stable financial status, and the continuance of a low annual property tax rate, the approval of a partnership between Blount Memorial Hospital (BMH) and Prisma Health, passage of a resolution for a contingency plan to use local/state funds to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National Park operational during a federal government shutdown, establishing a coordinating committee for Blount County's celebration efforts to honor the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, maintaining an outstanding animal control program, while giving support of many educational requests and projects, including several which were in his district; and

WHEREAS, during his term in office, Ron French has served on the Board of Commissioners (Chair, Vice Chair), Commission Agenda/Workshop Committee, Audit Committee, Beer Board (Chair), Cable Television Authority, Education Committee (Chair), Ethics Committee, Emergency Communications District (E-911) Board, Emergency Medical Services Board, Human Resources/Insurance, Planning Commission, Public Services Committee, Records Commission, Veterans Affairs Committee, Ad hoc Committee to Study Commission Rules, Redistricting Committee, and Commission Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ron French, while serving as County Commissioner, has faithfully served and advocated for all Blount County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Blount County sincerely appreciates the many contributions given by Ron French in selfless service to the citizens of Blount County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Blount County Legislative Body, assembled in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2026, that the dedicated public service of Ron French to the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee, is sincerely appreciated and is hereby honored and recognized.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall be made a part of the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Vetoed