

RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-018

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS RON FRENCH AND

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled July 15, 2021.

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 8-27-401 et. seq. and T.C.A. § 8-27-501 et. seq. authorizes the County to provide group health/medical insurance for its employees and officials; and

WHEREAS, Blount County has, for some period of time, maintained a group health/medical insurance program; and

WHEREAS, Blount County Commissioners are officials within the meaning of the above-referenced statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County to offer to Blount County Commissioners the opportunity to be included and participate fully in the County's group health/medical insurance plan the same as other County employees; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to authorize the inclusion of County Commissioners in the insurance program beginning September 1, 2022, (which is when the next term of office begins for Commissioners) such that the current Commissioners will not be eligible during the current terms, but this option will be available to Commissioners who are elected and whose terms begin on the above date; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Blount County and its citizens to attract and encourage citizens to provide public service to Blount County by running for the office of County Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this _____ day of _____, 2021, as follows:

1. Beginning upon the next term of County Commissioners, beginning on September 1, 2022, Blount County Commissioners shall be authorized and included to participate in the County's group health/medical insurance plan that currently exists.

2. County Commissioners shall be treated the same as other County employees, with all rights, opportunities and obligations of County employees to participate in the County's group health/medical insurance program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Duly authorized and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date