

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-013**

Sponsored by Commissioners Brad Bowers, John Giles, Dawn Reagan, Steve Mikels, Jeff Jopling, Mike Akard, Nick Bright, Ron French, Linda Webb, Rick Carver, Jessica Hannah, Robbie Bennett, Mike Caylor, and Earl McMahan

**A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE HISTORICAL DAMS ON THE LITTLE RIVER  
IN BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioner of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled on \_\_\_\_\_:

- WHEREAS,** the Army Corps of Engineers is exploring the possibility of removing or altering three dams on the Little River in Blount County, Tennessee; and
- WHEREAS,** the Townsend Dam, Peery’s Mill Dam and Rockford Dam are the subjects of the corps scrutiny; and
- WHEREAS,** these dams are historical sites that pose historical significance, whose presence speaks a lot about Blount County’s history and should be preserved for all time; and
- WHEREAS,** the Little River is a major source of drinking water for Blount County, and disturbing these structures and the removal of the materials that were put in place approximately over 175 years ago, could have a very significant, adverse impact on the health and safety of the public drinking water source; and
- WHEREAS,** new aquatic ecosystems that have been established could be destroyed if these dams were removed or modified as the potential of toxic materials being released into the river could negatively impact aquatic life and wildlife on the river for years to come; and
- WHEREAS,** the vast majority of citizens in District 8, especially the Townsend/Walland area, are opposed to the removal or modification of these historical dams; and
- WHEREAS,** the cities of Townsend and Walland feel that the removal or modification of these historical dams would diversify and increase human water traffic on the river thereby significantly impacting their wishes to remain the peaceful side of the Smokies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, hereby urge the members of the Tennessee General Assembly and U.S. Congress representing the people of Blount County, Tennessee, to protect the historical Townsend Dam, Peery’s Mill Dam and Rockford Dam on the Little River; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be mailed by the County Clerk to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Blount County, Tennessee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be mailed by the County Clerk to members of the U.S. Congress representing the people of Blount County, Tennessee.

**Duly authorized and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date