

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-02-014**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Rick Carver, Dave Bennett and Mike Akard**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled this 15th day of February, 2018:

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the BlueCross Bowl in Cookeville, Tennessee, the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Football Team claimed their third consecutive state title and 16th state title, making Tennessee State History, and winning the TSSAA Class 3A Championship by defeating Covington 31-20; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Linebacker Jack Warwick, Region 2-3A Player of the Year and All-PrepXtra Football Finalist, was named to the First-Team Defense, with Tristan Woody being named to Second-Team Defense, and Davis Maples to Third-Team Defense, while Alcoa Sophomore Kicker Zeke Rankin was named to the BlueCross Bowl's First-Team Offense, and Lucas McKeehan to Second-Team Offense; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier in the season, Coach Gary Rankin became the first coach in the state of Tennessee to reach 400 wins, and currently holds the TSSAA record for the Most Coaching Wins, ending the year with 410 career wins, finishing with a record of 410-75-0, and winning his 13<sup>th</sup> state title as head coach and his ninth at Alcoa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Football Team holds the TSSAA record for the Most Consecutive Team State Championships (7), (2004-2010), and is tied with Maryville for the Most Team State Championships (16); and

**WHEREAS**, the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Football Team, Coach Gary Rankin, and staff, are to be commended for their accomplishments, commitment, determination, exceptional efforts, and an outstanding football program.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Blount County Mayor and the Blount County Board of Commissioners**, do hereby congratulate and honor the players, coaches and staff of the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Football Team for winning their third consecutive state title and 16<sup>th</sup> state championship, and we ask all Blount County citizens to join us in applauding their outstanding accomplishments.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

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Commission Chairman

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

**ATTEST**

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County Clerk

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Date