RESOLUTION NO. <u>19-05-015</u>

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jeff Jopling, Brad Bowers, Ron French, and Tom Stinnett

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCE AGENCY ACCESS TO WORK WITHIN THE BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, RIGHT-OF-WAY ON OLD WALLAND HIGHWAY NEAR COULTER BRIDGE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioner of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled on the 16th day of May, 2019:

WHEREAS, the Blount County Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick has had communications with the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, TWRA does desire to create an environmentally safe entrance for swimmers and small boats (e.g., canoes, and kayaks) to access the Little River at the public parking area; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Blount County and its citizens to allow TWRA to work within the County's right-of-way on Old Walland Highway near Coulter Bridge; and

WHEREAS, TWRA would be responsible for all costs and liabilities associated with the river access project; and

WHEREAS, The Blount County Highway Department and TWRA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the above-described project and allow mutual cooperation and aid between the agencies. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, to grant TWRA permission to work, at their expense and liability, within the County's right-of-way on Old Walland Highway near Coulter Bridge for the purpose of creating an environmentally safe entrance for swimmers and small boats to access the Little River at the public parking area. The Memorandum of Understanding with TWRA (attached hereto as Exhibit 1) is hereby approved and the Highway Superintendent is authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.

Duly authorized and approved the 16th of May, 2019.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION   **ATTEST**

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Commission Chairman   County Clerk

 Approved:___

  Vetoed:___   _____   _____
                              County Mayor   Date