

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01-013

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JOE MCCULLEY, BRIAN ROBBINS, RON FRENCH, MIKE AKARD, JARED ANDERSON, ROBBIE BENNETT, BRAD BOWERS, NICK BRIGHT, RICK CARVER, MIKE CAYLOR, DODD CROWE, JIM HAMMONTREE, JACKIE HILL, TOM HOOD, JEFF JOPLING, SCOTT KING, STACI LAWHORN, STEVE MIKELS, DAWN REAGAN, TOM STINNETT AND LINDA WEBB

A RESOLUTION HONORING MELAINE BEATY HICKMAN FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE VETERANS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 16th day of January, 2020:

WHEREAS, Melaine Beaty Hickman was born and raised in Pennington Gap, Virginia where she graduated from Lee High School with top honors and won regional and state honors in basketball and track; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Melaine Beaty Hickman attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where she completed her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and her Masters of Science in Social Work, and is currently licensed in the field and has continuously worked in that arena assisting people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Melaine Beaty Hickman began working with the Veterans Health Administration in February 2010 at the Knoxville Vet Center and has met with nearly 1,700 veterans and 400 significant others; and

WHEREAS, many veterans with mental health issues like PTSD are unable to drive to the Knoxville Vet Center; and

WHEREAS, Melaine Beaty Hickman has provided individual and group counseling services to veterans at the Blount County Courthouse since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Melaine Beaty Hickman currently holds two group sessions at the Blount County Courthouse for Vietnam Veterans and offers support groups for spouses and significant others of veterans to learn about PTSD to contribute to the overall treatment goal of their veteran family member; and

WHEREAS, this past year, one of those groups lost two of their active participants, and Melaine Beaty Hickman met with each group to aid their grieving process; and

WHEREAS, Melaine Beaty Hickman has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of veterans in Blount County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled this 16th day of January, 2020, that the dedicated service of Melaine Beaty Hickman to the veterans of Blount County, Tennessee, is sincerely appreciated and is hereby honored and recognized.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this resolution 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

Approved_____

Vetoed_____

County Mayor

Date