

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-43

**A RESOLUTION OF WEAKLEY COUNTY IN SUPPORT
OF AMENDMENT 1 ON THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF THE SAME.**

WHEREAS, the Weakley County Legislative Body supports the sovereignty of the People through their elected representatives to direct public policy in matters of public interest at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Supreme Court of Tennessee in its decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Sundquist* removed from the people of Tennessee the power to enforce common-sense regulations and laws concerning the practice of abortion in this State; and

WHEREAS, other states, including states surrounding Tennessee, have passed laws concerning abortions and abortion facilities such as laws requiring informed consent, licensing of facilities, health inspections of facilities, and short waiting periods. These laws have not been overturned by the Federal courts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has been rendered unable to enforce such laws and regulations because of the case cited above and subsequent cases, Tennessee has become an abortion destination ranking third in the nation in the percentage of abortions performed for women who have traveled here from other states for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Constitutional Law is currently such that overturning *Roe v. Wade* at the Federal level would not change anything about the practice of abortion in Tennessee and is such that pro-abortion rights organizations refer to Tennessee's Constitutional Law as more favorable to their point of view than Federal Constitutional Law; and

WHEREAS, there will appear on to the November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Tennessee which, if approved by the voters of Tennessee, will nullify the effect of the ruling in *Planned Parenthood v. Sundquist* and return the power to the people of this state, acting through their elected representatives, to regulate the abortion industry in this state within the limits set forth by Federal Constitutional Law. Amendment 1 as it will appear on the November 4th General Election Ballot reads as follows:

Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion. The people retain the right through their elected state representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, circumstances or pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Weakley County, Tennessee, meeting in session on this the 30th day of June, 2014 that this body hereby expresses its support for the proposed Constitutional Amendment 1, as appearing on the November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot and as recited herein, and encourages its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the, Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

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David Hawks

Scott Fortner

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Tommy Jones
Chairman, Personnel, Legislative, & Intergovernmental Affairs

Motion made by Commissioner Hawks that the foregoing resolution be adopted: Motion seconded by Commissioner Fortner.

Upon being put to a ~~roll call~~^{voice} vote, Motion carried by a vote of _____ Yeas, _____ Nays, _____ Passed and _____ Absent.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Pat Scarbrough
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

James H. Westbrook, Jr.
James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman

This the 30th day of June 2014.

APPROVED:

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick
Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE: 07/01/14

DATE: _____