

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-42

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND SUPPORTING THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF WEAKLEY COUNTY PASSING ORDINANCES REGULATING THE SALE OF EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE RELATED PRODUCTS WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES.

WHEREAS, The County Legislative body of Weakley County recognizes that the clandestine manufacturer of the illegal drug methamphetamine has become a scourge in the county; and

WHEREAS, the NPLEX tracking system currently in place to control the purchase of pseudo ephedrine does not work; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, 2013 there were 225 purchases of Pseudoephedrine for a total of 613.80 grams that were suspicious; and

WHEREAS, the one item that is required to produce meth is ephedrine or pseudoephedrine; and

WHEREAS, persons engaged in the manufacture and use of methamphetamine routinely endanger innocent children, their neighbors and innocent citizens; and

WHEREAS, hundred of thousands of Taxpayers funds have been spent for the clean up of methamphetamine labs, housing and providing medical care; and

WHEREAS, there have been at least nine homes quarantined for meth labs in Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 there were 25 labs reported in Weakley County and in the first six months of 2013 there have been 29 reported, an annual increase of 132% in labs reported; and

WHEREAS, one third of the inmates in the Weakley County Detention Center in June of 2013 are in custody for meth related issues(32 out of 96 inmates at \$50.00 per day plus medical expenses); and

WHEREAS, there are twelve Weakley County participants currently enrolled in the 27th Judicial Drug Court Program, nine of which are for meth related issues; and

WHEREAS, there are currently twenty-five defendants who are out on bond awaiting disposition on meth related charges; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 ten children had to be removed from homes and placed in foster care at an estimated cost of \$107.00 per day per child for up to 13 months; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 another 20 children had to be removed from homes and placed with relatives; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impact on Weakley County and the municipalities from this hazardous waste generated by these labs is estimated to be over a million dollars in property damage and adverse impact upon innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County and its municipalities have witnessed an increase in violent and minor crimes committed by persons addicted to methamphetamine use; and

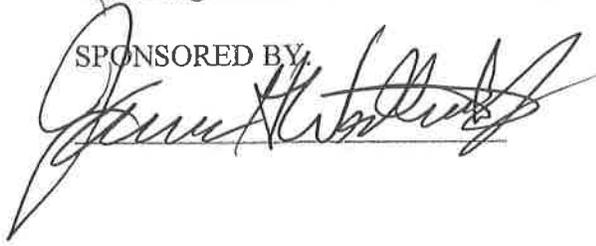
WHEREAS, the County legislative body of Weakley County believes there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare in that the manufacturer, transportation, possession and sale of methamphetamine is inherently dangerous, and that the chemicals, compounds, substances, by products, and waste associated with the manufacturer of methamphetamine are both dangerous and injurious to the public health, safety and wellness of the citizens of Weakley County.

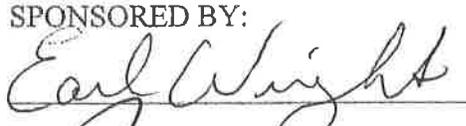
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislative Body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 27th of June 2013 in Dresden, Tennessee that the various Boards of Mayor and Aldermen of all the municipalities of the County are encouraged and requested to pass an ordinance regulating the sale of ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine related products within their municipal boundaries and have the full support of the Weakley County Commission.

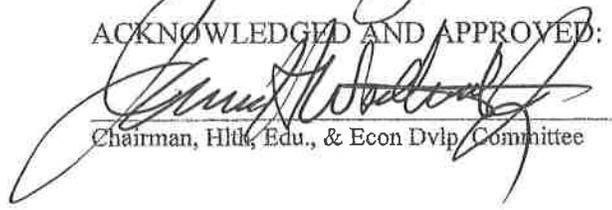
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

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. A certified copy of this resolution be sent to all municipal governments in Weakley County.

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

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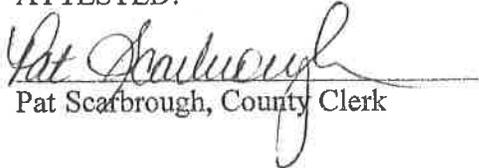
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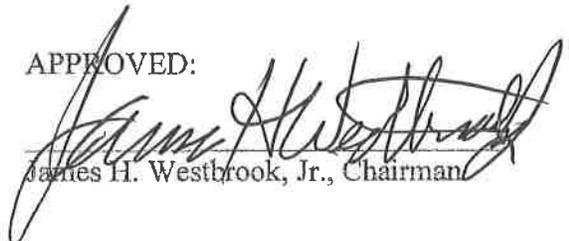
ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Chairman, Hlth, Edu., & Econ Dvlp Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Salmon that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

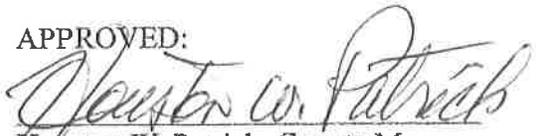
Motion seconded by Commissioner Stewart

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 16 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarborough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman

This the 27th Day of June 2013.

APPROVED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE:
July 1, 2013

DATE:
