

JOHNSON CITY FREEDOM
Group of Concerned Citizens Defending God-given Rights
Washington County, Tennessee

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
PRESERVE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF TENNESSEANS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of The U.S. Constitution reads as follows "*A well regulated Militia being necessary to the securing of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.*" and

WHEREAS, U.S. Supreme Court decisions, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022) and *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010), reinforced an earlier decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), affirming the individual right of citizens to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence states, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,*" and

WHEREAS, the right to self-defense and self-preservation are God-given rights bestowed on all people;

WHEREAS, natural law refers to the natural rights granted to all people by God and cannot be restricted by governments or legal systems;

WHEREAS, natural law is the foundation of all man-made laws and pre-dates man-made laws;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the US Constitution, the Tennessee Constitution and all good civil government is to protect the God-given rights of all citizens;

WHEREAS, an armed citizenry is the best and most natural defense against threat to individual liberty, regardless of the source of the threat;

WHEREAS, members of the Tennessee General Assembly have sworn to uphold the US Constitution and the Tennessee Constitution in taking their oath of office;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has already addressed this tragedy, through legislation signed by Governor Lee appropriating additional funds for strengthening security measures and calling for schools to ensure they are enacting safety protocols;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has noted mental illness will be the focus but that will not solve this issue, as it is a moral one; and

WHEREAS, General Douglas MacArthur said in 1951, "*History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster.*"

WHEREAS, youth in schools are being radicalized using Marxist teachings just as Mao radicalized the Red Guard of children and students to oppose their parents and teachers and the traditional values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by **JOHNSON CITY FREEDOM**, a group of concerned citizens of Northeast Tennessee, aiming to defend God-given rights, meeting this 11th day of July 2023 as follows:

RESOLVED, JOHNSON CITY FREEDOM, encourages that the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee is urged to reject any so-called "red flag law" "order of protection law" that infringes on God-given rights, violates due process doctrine by potentially depriving a citizen of property and self-defense, punishes a citizen by infringing on their right to keep and bear arms.

RESOLVED, JOHNSON CITY FREEDOM, encourages elected officials to return Bibles to schools, Ten Commandments to walls and look to address the root cause of these moral lapses. Return teachings of fostering love for God, Country and Family. Tennessee data suggests faith and conservatism is growing in Tennessee. Tennessee could lead the way to freedom by restoring understanding in rights endowed by our Creator.


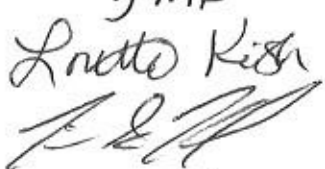
RESOLVED, JOHNSON CITY FREEDOM, encourages the Tennessee General Assembly to look to the instruction of the National Monument to the Forefathers, 1889 structure in Plymouth, Massachusetts that if The People are to lose our way Faith, Morality, Law, Education, and Liberty are to guide us back. The General Assembly in Tennessee could bring these traditional values back to the government education system and help reignite the unique values which created our country. John Adams said, "*Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to*



the government of any other." Morality and virtue are the foundation of our republic and necessary for a society to be free. Anything less than this will accomplish nothing to fix the moral lapse our country and state are in.

Approved this July day of 18th, 2023 for distribution to the legislators representing Washington County, Tennessee, the governor of the state of Tennessee, the speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the speaker of Tennessee Senate, and the chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party.

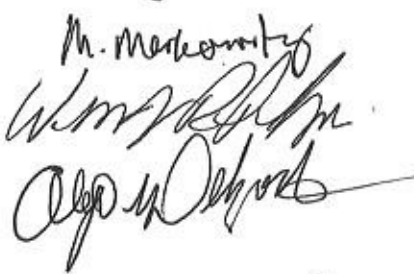
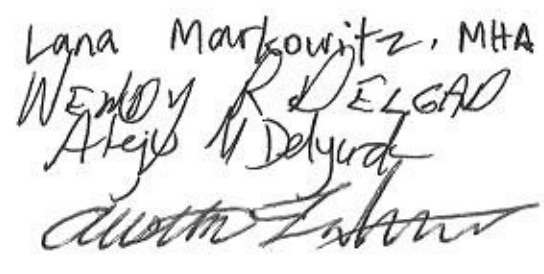
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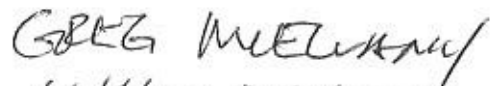
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