

RESOLUTION 2005-08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION OF
WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE IN
THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has set a goal for the State of Tennessee that every Tennessee child should be given a new book every month from their birth until they reach five years of age; and

WHEREAS, The Dollywood Foundation, a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, has created the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to promote early childhood educational development in communities across the United States that have agreed to join the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, in those participating communities, The Dollywood Foundation mails a book each month to every child under the age of five whose parent or guardian has registered them to participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, in response to Governor Phil Bredesen's request and in furtherance of his early reading initiative that includes the expansion of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to all counties in Tennessee, the Tennessee General Assembly appropriated \$2,000,000 in the 2004-05 fiscal year budget for the purpose of funding the initial costs associated with the expansion of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to all counties in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Books From Birth Foundation (the "Governor's Foundation") has been organized as a private nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Tennessee for the purpose of the promotion and encouragement of reading by the children of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Foundation intends to seek grants from the State of Tennessee and donations from the citizens of Tennessee for the purpose of partnering with local sponsoring organizations in each county to offer the benefits of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to all of the children of the State of Tennessee that are under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, prior to the award of such grants to the Governor's Foundation, the Tennessee Department of Education will manage the funds appropriated by the State of Tennessee for the purpose of funding the initial costs associated with the expansion of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to all counties in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County would like to promote the early childhood educational development of all children in Weakley County by participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Foundation, the State of Tennessee and Weakley County desire to set forth the terms under which the eligible children of Weakley County will receive the benefits of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County meeting in regular session, this the 20th day of September, 2004, that:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County hereby approves of the participation of Weakley County in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on the following terms and conditions:

1. Description of the Program. Every child that resides in Weakley County and that is under the age of five shall be eligible to receive a new book each month from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (the "Imagination Library") after such child has been registered to participate in the Imagination Library so long as the requirements set forth herein are satisfied.

2. Local Sponsoring Organizations. Weakley County will arrange for the funding of one-half (1/2) of the costs of implementing the Imagination Library in Weakley County by contacting civic organizations, local businesses and governments, and other potential sources of funding within the County ("Sponsoring Organizations").

3. Shared Payment Responsibilities. The Dollywood Foundation will charge a fixed amount per child, per month for each child participating in the Imagination Library. The Governor's Foundation will be responsible for funding one-half (½) of the total monthly amount payable to The Dollywood Foundation for the monthly cost of providing books to the eligible and registered children of Weakley County. The Sponsoring Organizations will be responsible for funding the remaining one-half (½) of the total amount payable to The Dollywood Foundation for the monthly cost of providing books to the eligible and registered children of Weakley County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the Governor's Foundation receiving grants from the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Department of Education will fund the one-half (½) amount otherwise payable by the Governor's Foundation.

4. Invoicing. Prior to the Governor's Foundation receiving grants from the State of Tennessee, The Dollywood Foundation will invoice the Sponsoring Organizations for their one-half (½) share of the monthly cost of Weakley County participating in the Imagination Library and will invoice the Tennessee Department of Education for the remaining one-half (½) share of such cost. Once the Governor's Foundation has received grants from the State of Tennessee, The Dollywood Foundation will invoice the Governor's Foundation for one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly cost of Weakley County's participation in the Imagination Library and the Governor's Foundation will invoice the Sponsoring Organizations in Weakley County for their one-half (½) share of such costs.

5. Payment. The Sponsoring Organizations shall remit payment to The Dollywood Foundation or the Governor's Foundation, as the case may be, by electronic funds transfer no later than the 25th day of each month.

6. Registration of Participants. The Sponsoring Organizations will be responsible for organizing and coordinating the registration of the eligible children of Weakley County to participate in the Imagination Library. The Sponsoring Organizations also will be responsible for arranging for the establishment and maintenance of a database that includes the name and address of each child in Weakley County that is registered to participate in the Imagination Library and for monitoring the eligibility of registered participants in Weakley County.

7. Delivery of Books. Prior to the 9th day of each month, the Sponsoring Organizations will provide The Dollywood Foundation with a written list of the names and addresses of all eligible children that are registered to participate in the Imagination Library for the following month. The Dollywood Foundation will arrange for the delivery of one book to each child so identified.

8. Returned Books. From time to time, a book addressed to a registered Imagination Library participant may be undeliverable due to an unknown addressee, or other reasons. The Sponsoring Organizations are responsible for ensuring that all Imagination Library books that are returned to a U.S. Post Office in Weakley County as undeliverable are picked up on a regular basis, not less than monthly, and arranging for the delivery of such books to the appropriate Imagination Library participant, or if all delivery efforts have proved unsuccessful, taking possession of such undeliverable books and disposing of such books in a charitable manner that furthers early childhood development.

9. Default by Sponsoring Organizations. If the Sponsoring Organizations fail to provide a written list to The Dollywood Foundation prior to the 9th day of any month, the children of Weakley County otherwise eligible to receive a book from the Imagination Library will not receive a book for the month following such failure. If the Sponsoring Organizations fail to remit the payment required of them by the 25th day of any month, the children of Weakley County otherwise eligible to receive a book from the Imagination Library will not receive a book for the month following such failure. If any payment required of the Sponsoring Organizations has not been timely made for any month, the Governor's Foundation may, in its sole and absolute discretion, terminate the participation of Weakley County in the Imagination Library. If the Sponsoring Organizations fail to fulfill their payment obligations as specified herein, Weakley County will use its best efforts to arrange for payment from other Sponsoring Organizations.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee that are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 county legislative body.

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

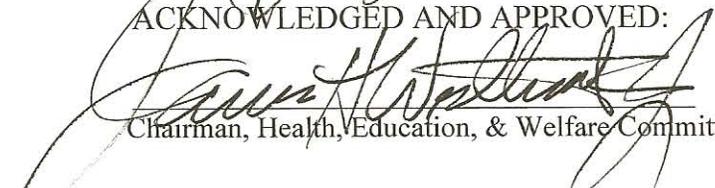
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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:


Chairman, Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

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

Motion seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 1 Absent.

APPROVED:


Ron Gifford, County Mayor

ATTESTED:


Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

This the 20th Day of September 2004.