RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELEMINATION OF THE FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the present deficit in the federal budget has led to pro-

WHEREAS, the federal revenue sharing program has become an integral part of the federal, state and local government relationship, and

WHEREAS, the federal revenue sharing program is weighted to benefit those localities most in need of assistance, and

WHEREAS, the very limited ability of local governments in Tennessee to raise revenue outside of the property tax would place an undue burden on property taxpayers if the federal revenue sharing program is terminated, and

WHEREAS, the federal revenue sharing program offers the greatest benefit to local government at the lowest administrative cost for the sums involved of any federal program, and

WHEREAS, the people of Weakley County, Tennessee are willing to accept some cuts in the federal revenue sharing program to help in the effort to balance the federal budget by 1991 as called for in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of county commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, that:

The people of Weakley County strongly urge the President and Congress to consider the federal revenue sharing program as vital to the fiscal stability of local governments in the United States and would therefore continue to fund the program, albeit at somewhat reduced levels in the short run so as to participate in the deficit reduction effort without causing fiscal chaos and an undue shifting of tax burdens at the local level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, and to all members of the Tennessee congressional delegation.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Motion made by Commissioner James H. Westbrook that the fore-going resolution be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Bates .

Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion carried

This the 21st day of April, 1986.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Faye Butts, County Clerk

H. C. Brundige, County Executive

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