RESOLUTION 2018-8

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BILLS IN THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FORCE THE CITY OF DICKSON TO CHANGE ITS ELECTION DATE

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 6-31-102 enacted by Public Chapter 1008 of the 106th General Assembly in 2010 gave municipalities in the State of Tennessee the choice of moving municipal elections to coincide with August or November general elections, and

WHEREAS, Public Chapter 1008 also allowed those municipalities one opportunity to move their elections back to their previous schedules, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson City Council chose to maintain its biennial election schedule as established by the City Charter on the last Thursday of September in odd-numbered years, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2146 and House Bill 2265 in the 110th General Assembly have been amended to mandate that all municipalities in the State of Tennessee conduct municipal elections in conjunction with a general election in August or November of even-numbered years, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson City Council believes these bills would violate local autonomy and pre-empt local authority to make decisions regarding municipal elections, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson City Council is concerned that moving the Dickson municipal elections to coincide with Dickson County general elections could create problems in presenting the correct ballots to voters and exacerbate confusion that already exists in separating the governance of a city and county with the same name,

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKSON, TENNESSEE**, that:

SECTION 1. The Dickson City Council expresses its opposition to SB2146/HB2265.

SECTION 2. The Dickson City Council wishes to maintain local control in the scheduling of municipal elections.

SECTION 3. This resolution be spread across the minutes and forwarded to the City of Dickson's delegation in the Tennessee General Assembly urging them to oppose the bill should it come to the floor for a vote.

Read and approved this 5th day of March, 2018.

Don L. Weiss Jr., O.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Givens

Kimberly Givens, Recorder