**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS BY MAKING OR AMENDING LAW TO LIMIT THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN**

**Sponsor:**

**Co-Sponsors:**

**WHEREAS,** property rights are the foundation of our capitalist economic system in the United States of America and are worthy of enhanced protections under Tennessee law; and

**WHEREAS,** the broad definition of “blighted areas” under T.C.A. § 13-20-201 place non-blighted, well-kept, code compliant property at risk of condemnation by housing authorities within redevelopment areas for private economic development, private gain, and private benefit; and

**WHEREAS,** certain non-blighted, well-kept, code compliant private property(s) that may exist within a “blighted area” as defined by T.C.A. § 13-20-201, are at risk of taking by eminent domain proceedings for private economic development, private use, and private benefit under T.C.A. § 29-17-102 (2) (c); and

**WHEREAS,** abandoning the “area” definition of blight andreplacing it with a property-by-property definition of blight would protect the owners of non-blighted, well-kept, code compliant property from eminent domain proceedings; and

**WHEREAS,** narrowing the definition of blight, abandoning the “area” definition of blight, under T.C.A. § 13-20-201, and further enhancing the due process provisions of state law for property takings would protect property owners in the state of Tennessee from eminent domain proceedings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, County Tennessee, meeting on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2025, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee is urged to enact proposed legislation HB444/SB480, or similar language, titled and otherwise cited as the **Tennessee Property Rights Protection Act**, attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

**SECTION 2**: That upon approval and signing of this resolution, a copy be transmitted by the County Clerk to the State Representatives and State Senator that represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee and to the Tennessee Association of County Clerks with a cover letter requesting that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to other county legislative bodies in Tennessee for consideration.

Link to [HB444 / SB480](https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0444)

Attach as **Exhibit A**