JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2022-47

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT THE MEDICAL FREEDOM OF THOSE SERVING IN THE TENNESSEE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND TENNESSEE STATE GUARD

County Commission Sponsors: Austin Brooks, Marcus Reed, Rob Blevins

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard provide a vital service to the citizens of Tennessee in times of emergency, and to the United States for national security; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration and the U.S. Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin issued an arbitrary order that Tennessee Army and Air National Guard service members be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus as a condition of their service to the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, said vaccinations are making recruiting efforts difficult, compromising the readiness of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, and violate the medical freedom of our guardsmen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Jefferson County, Tennessee Board of Commissioners meeting this 17th Day of October 2022, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Governor of Tennessee is urged to act as follows to mitigate the arbitrary and unjustified action of the Biden administration to require Covid-19 vaccinations of Tennessee Guardsmen as a condition of service to our great state and our nation.

a. reinstate the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members full benefits who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine; and

b. publicly condemn the firings and non-pay status of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members; and

c. request that the Tennessee Attorney General coordinate a lawsuit and file an emergency injunction with other states against the Department of Defense and the Biden Administration for the unjustified vaccine mandate published by the U. S. Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin on August 24th, 2021. (Reference Title 32)

d. issue salary payments to the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who are on a no-pay status relative to State Active Duty (SAD) orders for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine; and

e. request the Tennessee Adjutant General, Major General Jeffery Holmes, to halt any further firings of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine, including those with medical or religious exemptions; and

f. file a Request for Information and/or subpoena the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard for any documentation related to vaccination results within the state regarding vaccine injuries, guard member retention, and readiness of the force over the past 6 years and make public any findings thereof; and

g. terminate the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the Tennessee State Guard, a volunteer state force that is not federally funded and cannot be federalized for any deployments.

SECTION 2: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each of the Representatives and State Senator that represent Jefferson County, Tennessee with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken by the Tennessee General Assembly in regular or special called session to facilitate the recommendations made in Section 1 of this resolution.

SECTION 3: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Jefferson County Clerk to each of the other county clerks in the state of Tennessee through the Tennessee State Association of County Clerks with the recommendation that this resolution be considered for action by other county legislative bodies in the state of Tennessee to mitigate the harm caused by arbitrary and unjustified vaccine mandates made by the Biden Administration and the United States Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin on August 24th, 2021.

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Votes: 20 (Yes) 1 (No) 0 (Abstain)

Attest: Frank C Herndon Date: 10/18/22
Frank C. Herndon, County Clerk

Approved: Mark Potts Date: 10/18/22
Mark Potts, County Mayor