

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 14**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Commission routinely partners with its State Legislators in Montgomery to pass local legislation for the benefit of the citizens residing in Butler County, and;

WHEREAS, the Butler County Commission has supported the passage and enactment of countless local bills that have contributed to a higher quality of life for the residents of Butler County by providing much needed support for critical public services including, but not limited to, local school systems, volunteer firefighter departments, county sheriffs' offices, workforce development programs, community health organizations, and many more, and;

WHEREAS, a technical issue related to a routine procedural vote in the House of Representatives stands to threaten the execution of thousands of local laws, which would have detrimental and long-term consequences for the citizens of Butler County and the millions of other Alabamians residing all across this great state, and;

WHEREAS, Act 2016-430 passed during the 2016 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature proposes a constitutional amendment to ratify and confirm the validity of the procedural vote in question, thereby approving any and all local laws passed by the Alabama Legislature in accordance to the rules of the House or Senate in place at the time of the vote, and;

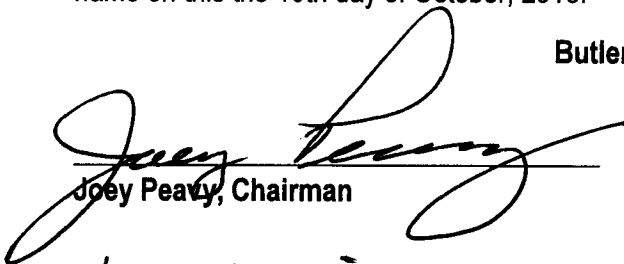
WHEREAS, ratification of this proposed constitutional amendment would safeguard the communities of Butler County by preserving the local laws that support the vitally important public services and institutions that the children, senior citizens, small business owners, and hard-working residents of Butler County have come to utilize on a daily basis, and;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby urge all registered voters of Butler County to vote in favor of the constitutional amendment proposed by Act 2016-430, which will appear on the November 2016 General Election Ballot as Amendment 14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House Rules Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Butler County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name on this the 10th day of October, 2016.

Butler County Commission


Joey Peavy, Chairman


Jesse McWilliams, III/ Commissioner District 2


Frank A. Hickman, Commissioner District 3


Allin Whittle, Commissioner District 4


Darrell Sanders, Commissioner District 5

Attest:


Diane Kilpatrick, County Administrator



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 3 AND 4**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Constitutional Revision Commission was created by the Alabama Legislature in 2011 to complete a full review of the 1901 Alabama Constitution and propose a series of revisions to the document, which were completed in 2014, and;

WHEREAS, during the 2015 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, county leaders from all 67 Alabama counties came together to actively pursue passage of two proposed constitutional amendments that were borne from the recommendations of the Alabama Constitutional Revision Commission—both of which would allow county governments to operate more efficiently in service to the citizens of Alabama, and;

WHEREAS, the Butler County Commission hereby declares its support for the following proposed constitutional amendments to appear on the November 2016 ballot:

- **Proposed Amendment #3**, which was passed during the 2015 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature as Act 2015-44 to make it more difficult to force a statewide vote on those local constitutional amendments that would only impact the citizens of Butler County, and which also includes provisions to prevent statewide voters from overruling the will of the people of Butler County should a local constitutional amendment impacting this county be subject to statewide referendum, and;
- **Proposed Amendment #4**, which was passed during the 2015 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature as Act 2015-220 to allow county commissions to carry out *limited* management and administrative activities in the specified areas of county personnel programs, community programs for litter-free roadways and public property, public transportation, the operation of county offices, and emergency assistance programs; and which also includes a provision allowing citizen input into any proposed programs, policies, or procedures, and *strictly prohibits the levying of any taxes or fees*, and;

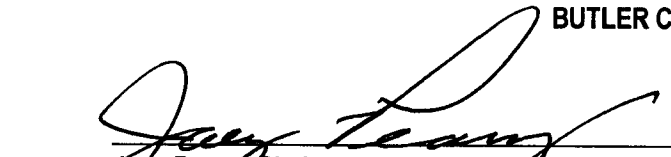
WHEREAS, ratification of these proposed constitutional amendments would greatly improve the operation of county government in Butler County by 1) making it harder for voters outside of the county to undermine the voice of local citizens on local issues, and 2) ensuring that county commissions across the state can take management and administrative action on those specified critical issues that impact the day-to-day quality of life for the residents of this great state, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby urge all registered voters of Butler County to vote in favor of the constitutional amendments proposed by Acts 2015-44 and 2015-220, which will appear on the November 2016 General Election Ballot as Amendments 3 and 4, respectively.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House Rules Committee.

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