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A RESOLUTION requesting our state legislators to vote against any new funding plan for education, or for the operation of state government, out of our current share of the state sales tax, out of our present portion of all other state-shared taxes, and out of or current proceeds we receive from the local option sales tax.

WHEREAS, Governor McWherter has called a special session of the General Assembly in January to conduct business relating to education and tax reform; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition from municipal officials that Tennessee is at a crossroads as it relates to our improvement in education which at the very least will require an adequate education for each child while at the same time limiting the per pupil spending disparity to a reasonable level to meet further court challenges; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition from municipal officials that our legislators will have to make some tough decisions as to which method(s) of funding will be used to find the new money which will be necessary to fund any education reform program which the General Assembly might adopt, and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition from municipal officials that current taxes worth \$243,379,023 which the state now shares with municipal governments would be a tempting target of many legislators, and, that the current local sales tax revenues of \$333,853,381 which cities collect annually would be a tempting target of many legislators, and

WHEREAS, our municipality uses these current funds to operate our government and to provide necessary services which may include police protection, fire protection, sanitation services, planning and zoning services, parks and recreational activities, libraries, and a host of other services which our citizens have demanded; and any loss of these funds would curtail or prohibit our ability to deliver these vital services; now, therefore,

B.M. → BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/TOWN OF _____, that we go on record opposed to any funding plan for education reform, or operation of state government, which diverts tax revenues from municipal coffers to state coffers, and that we are specifically opposed to any plan which takes away our cities' share of the state sales tax, which takes away any or all of or our share of the other state-shared taxes, and, which takes away any or all of our proceeds from the local option sales tax.