RESOLUTION OF THE  
TENNESSEE REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee Site Selection Committee thoroughly investigated several major cities in the United States, over a period of two years, as possible venues for holding the 2024 Republican National Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Host Committee put a great deal of effort into presenting Nashville as an outstanding venue for the Republican National Convention; and

WHEREAS, both Democrat and Republican residents, including business and community leaders and legislators on both sides of the aisle, as well as average citizens, from Nashville and the surrounding counties, actively supported the Host Committee’s efforts to draw the Republican National Committee to choose Nashville as the Convention venue; and

WHEREAS, due to such broad bipartisan support, as well as the advantages that Nashville possesses -- including a first-class Convention Center inspired by former Democrat Mayor Karl Dean; other facilities for holding related events; ample hotel space in Davidson and the surrounding counties; accommodations for the media from around the world; transportation and infrastructure; volunteers; many places of interest to visit; and attractive entertainment and dining locations -- Nashville was one of the two finalist cities from which the Republican National Committee would make its final choice; and

WHEREAS, excellent security and safety measures for the public in general, and for those involved with the Republican National Convention, were ensured; and

WHEREAS, arrangements would have been made at the expense of the Host Committee to ensure that any other conventions planned for Nashville, at the same time the Republican National Convention will take place, would have been provided for; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held the authority to approve or disapprove the proposal to hold the Republican National Convention in Nashville, and this should not have been a partisan decision, as vast amounts of Republican money would have been spent for the benefit of everyone, at all socioeconomic levels, in Nashville and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the Tennessee Republican Party has held events in Nashville four times each year, including three meetings of the Tennessee Republican Party State Executive Committee and the Party’s major annual fundraiser, the latter of which is attended by at least 1,200 individuals; and

WHEREAS, the out-of-town attendees at each of these events spend substantial sums of money with Nashville’s hotels, dining and entertainment establishments, and retail merchants, generating much revenue for those providers and vendors, and their employees, as well as substantial local and state tax revenue; and
WHEREAS, attendees at the Tennessee Republican Party State Executive Committee meetings contribute more than $150,000.00 per year to the Nashville economy, in addition to the thousands of dollars that the Tennessee Republican Party itself spends to host each of those meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Republican Party and the participants at the Party’s annual fundraiser, respectively, spend many times those amounts for hosting and attending that event; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Convention would have generated a monumental amount of revenue, not only in Davidson County, but also in surrounding counties; and not only from the official Convention events, but also from the numerous receptions and other gatherings hosted for the various state delegations and hosted by corporations and organizations with interests to promote in conjunction with any political convention, as well as amounts spent by national and international media and other participants; and

WHEREAS, the four-day Republican National Convention and its related events were projected to generate some $200,000,000.00 of revenue from the cost of holding the Convention, in retail spending, and in local and state tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, it is highly unlikely that that revenue will ever be replaced – and certainly not in the time frame of Summer 2024 -- by other conventions to be held in Nashville, since there is every reason to assume that other organizations would meet in Nashville regardless of whether or not the Republican National Convention had been held here, and it is also assumed that Nashville will continue to pursue conventions; and

WHEREAS, on the other hand, there is great concern that refusing to hold the Republican National Convention in Nashville will cause other entities not to hold their own conventions and conferences in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, holding the Republican National Convention in Nashville would have added enormous prestige to Nashville as a first-tier city, and to the entire State of Tennessee; and, indeed, would have attracted favorable attention and notice from around the world, just as would have been the case if Nashville’s bid to host World Cup Soccer had been approved; and

WHEREAS, many citizens and representatives of business, civic organizations, state and local government and other constituencies, from both sides of the aisle, reached out to the Metro Council to encourage and urge the Council to vote in favor of holding the 2024 Republican National Convention in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, despite the overwhelming benefit to Nashville and Davidson County, the surrounding counties, the State of Tennessee, and citizens of all educational and socioeconomic levels, the Metro Council refused to approve the contract to allow the Republican National Convention to be held in Nashville, stating spurious and fallacious reasons for such refusal; and

WHEREAS, the vote not to hold the Convention in Nashville, and the consequent loss of revenue and prestige, lies at the feet of most members of the Metro Council and other people of influence in the Metro Government; and
WHEREAS, voting in favor of holding the Republican National Convention would have been statesmanlike, and would have benefited all of Metro, the surrounding area, and the State of Tennessee for years to come; in contrast, the Council’s vote against holding the Convention in Nashville not only sends a message that the Metro Government is hostile to Republicans, but also is self-defeating and embarrassing to Nashville, creating the unfair and inaccurate impression that Nashville was admitting to inadequacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee, through its Democrat Mayor and City Council, enthusiastically voted to approve holding the Republican National Convention in that city, which the Republican National Committee has now chosen as its Convention venue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Republican Party, through its State Executive Committee, hereby expresses its dismay, its disappointment and its frustration that the Metro Council thwarted the years of effort by so many individuals, businesses, organizations and officials on both sides of the aisle to bring the Republican National Convention to Nashville, and cavalierly threw away the opportunity to bring once-in-a lifetime prestige, visibility and financial boon to Nashville; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Tennessee Republican Party decries the losses that the Metro Council’s decision has directly caused countless businesses, large and small, and their employees of all races, creeds, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to suffer; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Tennessee Republican Party thanks and commends everyone who supported the effort to bring the Republican National Convention to Nashville, including those members of the Metro Council who courageously voted in favor of approving the contract with the Republican National Committee; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Tennessee Republican Party, when feasible, intends to hold events outside of Davidson County.

Dated as of August ____, 2022.

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Scott Golden, Chairman, Tennessee Republican Party