



## **RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CHANGE FROM THE ELECTION OF JUDGES TO THE SELECTION OF JUDGES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina State Constitution ("Constitution") established three branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution also established the roles and responsibilities of each of the branches of government and how individuals seeking to serve in those branches would be elected; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly is currently debating the merits of amending the Constitution to allow the appointment of judges instead of the historical method of electing judges by a vote of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners ("Board") believes that judges should continue to be elected by the voters and not selected by some other process that may be established by the Legislative Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners supports maintaining our current Judicial District System, and opposes Davidson County being moved from its current sub-district. We believe the current system has worked well and that all Davidson citizens should be able to vote for all of their District Court Judges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners opposes any amendment to the North Carolina Constitution that would change the right of the people of North Carolina to elect their judges, which ensures an independent judiciary, as now provided in this State's Constitution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners is in favor of an amendment to existing legislation which would revert to judicial primaries; and,

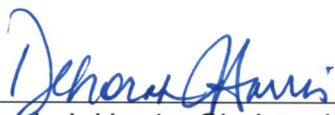
**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs that this resolution be sent to its local legislative delegation and to the boards of county commissioners of all 100 North Carolina Counties.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2018.



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Steve Shell, Chairman  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



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Deborah J. Harris, Clerk to the Board

