

**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE FAIR APPROPRIATION
OF BLOUNT COUNTY PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS TO BE SET ASIDE BY THE
BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR RENOVATION WORK AT HERITAGE
HIGH SCHOOL AND WILLIAM BLOUNT HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Maryville Board of Education recognizes that Blount County has three (3) strong school systems: Blount County Schools, Maryville City Schools, and Alcoa City Schools;

WHEREAS, all three (3) school systems enjoy strong community support; and

WHEREAS, strong education systems have led to strong economic growth in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Board of Education appreciates the support from the Blount County Commission through County property tax revenues and otherwise; and

WHEREAS, County Mayor Ed Mitchell and members of the Blount County Commission have reasons to proud of all three (3) school systems in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, County Mayor Ed Mitchell and members of the Blount County Commission represent all citizens of Blount County, including residents of the cities of Maryville and Alcoa; and

WHEREAS, for decades Blount County Commission apportioned all funds allocated for schools in Blount County fairly based on average daily attendance("ADA"); and

WHEREAS, several years ago Blount County Commission set aside three cents (.03 ¢) on the county property tax rate for Blount County Schools for capital needs in what is called "Fund 177"; and

WHEREAS, by putting funds into Fund 177, such funds were not apportioned among local schools based on ADA due to a legal loophole; and