

**A JOINT RESOLUTION
CITY OF COLUMBIA RESOLUTION 12-06
CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT RESOLUTION 2012-2
CITY OF SPRING HILL RESOLUTION 12-13**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT
AND THE CITY OF SPRING HILL IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED
CHARTER TO CONSOLIDATE AND FORM THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
OF COLUMBIA AND MAURY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia (Columbia) is a municipality located in Maury County, Tennessee, whose legislative body is the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant (Mount Pleasant) is a municipality located in southern Maury County, Tennessee, whose legislative body is the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill (Spring Hill) is a municipality, a portion of which is located in southern Williamson County, Tennessee, and a portion of which is located in northern Maury County, Tennessee, whose legislative body is the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-2-101(4), the Mayors of the City of Columbia and Maury County appointed a Metropolitan Government Charter Commission (Charter Commission) with a purpose to draft a Charter to Consolidate and Form the Metropolitan Government of Columbia and Maury County, Tennessee (Charter); and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission has completed its work and filed the proposed Charter with the Maury County Clerk on December 8, 2011, to be on a referendum for a vote by Maury County residents on March 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill encourage all citizens to read the Charter and understand the effect consolidation would have on all areas of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, a Fiscal Impact Study of the effect to all citizens of Maury County, whether residing outside or within municipal boundaries of the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill, has not been completed to demonstrate what fiscal benefit, if any, would be realized by consolidation into a Metropolitan Government for Maury County; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill believe that if Maury County were to consolidate, property tax rates would increase for citizens without additional services being provided than what are currently being provided to citizens in the Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill recognize each separate city as a distinctive community and are desirous of protecting the unique character of each community; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill believe that a consolidation of local government in Maury County would negatively impact the unique character that currently exists for each community; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill believe that all critical objectives in Maury County can be addressed through cooperation, not consolidation; and

WHEREAS, it is our considered judgment that it is in the best interest in health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Cities of Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Spring Hill to formally oppose such consolidation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Columbia, Tennessee, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee opposes the proposed Charter to Consolidate and Form the Metropolitan Government of Columbia and Maury County, Tennessee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Columbia, Tennessee, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, recognizing the importance of success for Maury County, hereby pledges our full support of cooperation, but says "no" to consolidation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Columbia, Tennessee, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee call on all citizens of Maury County, Tennessee to "Vote No to Metro" during early voting and on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Tennessee on the 19TH day of JANUARY, 2012.

Approved as to Legal Form:

By: C. Tim Tisher
C. Tim Tisher, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Dean Dickey
Dean Dickey, Mayor

Betty R. Modrall
Betty R. Modrall, City Recorder

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee on the 2nd day of February, 2012.

ATTEST:

Maury Colyett
Maury Colyett, Mayor

Debora McMullin
Debora McMullin, City Recorder

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 17th day of January, 2012.

ATTEST:

Michael Dinwiddie
Michael Dinwiddie, Mayor

April Goad
April Goad, City Recorder