

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW HUNTERS THE RIGHT TO HUNT WILD HOGS
AND OTHER GAME WITH DOGS AS CONTROLLED BY STATUTE**

WHEREAS, Cumberland County land owners have a serious problem with Feral Hogs (Swine) destroying their crops, farm pasture and property. The free ranging feral hogs have been called the most destructive large animal in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Feral hogs are causing destruction to the land owner's property by means of destroying crops, eating crops, and land rooting; and

WHEREAS, Feral hogs carry disease such as Brucellosis and Pseudo-Rabies with potential for transmission of disease to both domestic and farm animals, which could have serious effect on agricultural economy of our Cumberland County farmers; and

WHEREAS, Feral hogs reproduce rapidly, capable of producing Two to Three (2-3) litters per year with each litter consisting of 6-12 piglets, which may become mature to reproduce again at Six to Eight (6-8) months of age; and

WHEREAS, In spite of the honorable efforts of Tennessee Wildlife Agency's regulations on this animal, feral hogs are still continuing to create havoc and destruction on Cumberland County land owner's property. Feral hogs have been removed from the Big Game Status, and is currently a non-protected species that is now placed in the Nuisance category (*see* www.tn.gov/twra/feralhog); and

WHEREAS, the Hunters of Cumberland County further be allowed to utilize Hunting Dogs to hunt game on private property with the permission of the owner that is currently allowed during the regularly scheduled season, with the obvious exception of any restricted game in which dogs are forbidden to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Tennessee have voted to pass a Constitutional Amendment (Article XI, Section 13) for the right to hunt and fish and the right of the people with reasonable restrictions to carry out their sportsman ventures should not be infringed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval of this Resolution, the Honorable Cameron Sexton, a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives representing Cumberland County, Tennessee is hereby requested to pass a private act to allow land owners in Cumberland County and/or their designees to utilize any means necessary to protect their land and property from destruction by free running feral hogs. Land owner's shall have the responsibility, control and discretion of who hunts their land, how many people are allowed to hunt their land without the need to have

permission or permits from anyone, and/or agency as well as hunting game, with the obvious exception of any restricted game in which dogs are forbidden to be utilized on or before January 1, 2011.

This 19th day of December, 2011.

SPONSER:

COUNTY MAYOR

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK