

Press Release  
October 12, 2017

**A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Address Rallies  
scheduled for October 28, 2017**

The Shelbyville Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution 29-17 upon unanimous vote at their Regular Session Business Meeting held at 6:00 p.m. The signed and dated copy of the Resolution is attached.

Resolution No. 29-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
ADDRESS RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelbyville has been notified by an organization of its intent to hold a public rally on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Shelbyville on public sidewalks to address certain local and national political issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelbyville has been made aware through news outlets and social media reports that other organizations intend to hold rallies on the same day to voice opposing viewpoints on those issues;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council acknowledge our community is caught between conflicting ideological ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelbyville fully recognizes and acknowledges the rights of all American citizens to express opinions, particularly those related to the political realm, free from government interference in accordance with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, as well as the long-established principle that citizens may exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech on sidewalks and in other public forums; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelbyville takes its obligation to uphold and honor the United States Constitution seriously and intends to protect the rights afforded under it equally and fairly; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelbyville also recognizes and acknowledges its obligation to protect the welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of the citizens of the City of Shelbyville and all those visiting our community, as well as the safety and security of property, is of the utmost importance to the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Mayor and City Council to provide all necessary resources for the City and its employees to carry out these obligations, as well as to protect City employees as they serve the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council is proud of our diverse community and of the contributions to our City made by all of our citizens who come from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures, faiths, and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council wishes to promote in our community an environment that fosters and honors both our individuality and commonality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Mayor and City Council to refuse to allow for our community to be defined as one controlled by fear, but rather be a community that embraces a courageous spirit and resolves to live and move forward together in hope.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** for the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee as follows:

1. That the Mayor and City Council fully support all efforts currently underway and to be set forth by the City of Shelbyville Administration and Shelbyville Police Department to ensure safety for the citizens of Shelbyville and visitors to our community, as well as property.
2. That the Mayor and City Council request that all groups who plan to hold demonstrations contact the City Police Department to communicate its plans in order to best coordinate the City's resources and provide for the safety of the public.
3. That the Mayor and City Council request the patience and cooperation of our citizens and of the public at large during this time.

Resolved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017

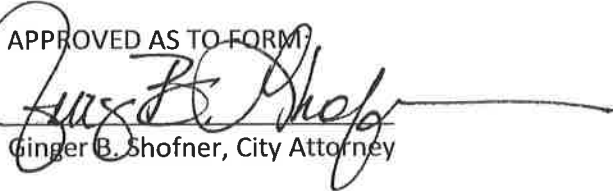
APPROVED:

  
Wallace Cartwright, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Anna Mai, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Ginger B. Shofner, City Attorney