

Resolution #: 2014-1

Subject: Resolution Condemning the Promotion and/or Sale of Consumer Fireworks by Tennessee Fire Departments

WHEREAS the Vision of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association includes language promoting "A happy, healthy, and safe state of Tennessee"; and

WHEREAS the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office encourages residents to attend professional fireworks displays as a safer alternative to consumer grade fireworks; and

WHEREAS, according to the NFPA, far more fires are reported on Independence Day than on any other day of the year in the United States; and

WHEREAS 40% of Independence Day fires are caused by fireworks; and

WHEREAS NFPA reports approximately twenty thousand (20,000) fires, nine thousand six hundred (9,600) injuries, and 4 deaths annually due to fireworks; and

WHEREAS eight hundred and eighty two (882) fires resulting in \$1,263,885 in property damage were caused by fireworks in Tennessee from 2009-2013; and

WHEREAS the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association has consistently supported legislation controlling the sale and use of consumer grade fireworks by the general public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association, by a majority vote by the Board of Directors, hereby denounces and condemns the promotion or sale of consumer grade fireworks by fire departments (whether paid, combination, paid on call, or volunteer), by the governing boards of fire departments, or by their affiliated organizations or associations, and discourages the use of fireworks by non-licensed and non-permitted persons.

James Fountain

10/15/2014

President, Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association

Date