

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-13

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX TO FUND THE LONOKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND DETENTION CENTER**

WHEREAS IN 2008, THE VOTERS OF LONOKE COUNTY passed a one-year one-cent sales tax to construct a new 150 bed Detention Center to replace the then current County Jail that was built in 1972 and remodeled in 1992; and,

WHEREAS THE NEW LONOKE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER opened in 2011 without a dedicated revenue source to provide for the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for the Center forcing the county general fund to absorb the costs; and,

WHEREAS THE LONOKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND COUNTY DETENTION CENTER now consumes approximately 61% of the county's general fund, and,

WHEREAS THE PASSAGE OF A ONE-HALF CENT SALES tax will generate an estimated \$4.5 million per year in dedicated funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS, HEREBY;**

**SECTION 1:** Ward Police Department routinely provides backup and/or initial response to situations near Ward but in the county due to a lack of manning in the Sheriff's Department.

**SECTION 2:** The Lonoke County Detention is the primary location for Ward Police Department and most other cities in Lonoke County to transport prisoners for housing.


**SECTION 3:** The Ward City Council supports the passage of a permanent one-half cent sales tax which is dedicated and restricted to funding the Lonoke County Sheriff's Department and Lonoke County Detention Center and encourages all citizens of Ward and Lonoke County to vote YES to the proposed sales tax.

PASSED/FAILED:

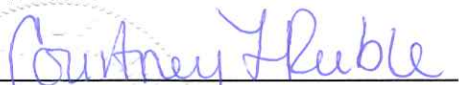
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DATE: May 17, 2021

APPROVED:

  
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Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

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