

RESOLUTION RE: THE LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTION #
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, we celebrate and welcome the cultural contributions of all people of the United states; and

WHEREAS, in the course of our history, the English language has been the common bond that, for more than two centuries, has held together our diverse citizenry, enabling us to become a cohesive and united nation; and

WHEREAS, English is the most common language spoken in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of multiple versions of government documents and services in several languages leads to misunderstandings due to mistranslation, represents an inefficient use of taxpayers' money, and promotes a sense of separation among residents; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1st, 2006 over 100 counties, 50 cities, and 28 states have endorsed English as their official and common language of government; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an official language enhances unity, both locally and nationally, and honors our ancestors from all lands who learned English and immigrants today who continue that tradition; and

WHEREAS, an official language of government in no way interferes with any individual's right to maintain, use and develop other language skills; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts English as its official language. Meetings must be conducted in English, official acts and records must be printed and maintained in English, unless otherwise required by State or Federal Law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF November 2006.



Fred D. McClure, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners



Anne M. Burkhart, Clerk to the Board
Davidson County Board of Commissioners