

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Sevier County, State of Arkansas, a resolution to be entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE  
BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH THE APPLICANT'S JURISDICTION AGAINST  
INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS**

Whereas, the County of Sevier is applying for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding.

Whereas, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, it shall be the policy of Sevier County to ensure that the following are true:

- I. The County has adopted and is enforcing this policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
- II. The County will ensure that all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction will enforce all applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location, which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
- III. In response to non-violent civil rights demonstrations, the County will be mindful and protective of the rights of all participants in such demonstrations, as well as any onlookers, bystanders, or any other persons located in the vicinity or owning property in the vicinity.
- IV. In connection with such demonstrations, the use of force shall be permitted only when necessary to protect the rights of individuals or to uphold the law. In no event shall the use of force in excess of that necessary to achieve the lawful goals of the County be permitted.

Now, therefore be it resolved that consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, as amended, Sevier County will adopt and enforce the policy contained herein.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Greg Ray*  
Greg Ray, Sevier County Judge

DATED: 2-8-2021

ATTEST: Deborah K. Akin

Debbie Akin, Sevier County Clerk