**Resolution In Support of Local Control**

WHEREAS: Resolutions which cede local control of county government and public schools have been passed by the current Legislature in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: These resolutions became ballot initiatives during the general election of 2022; and

WHEREAS: The authority of these resolutions and ballot initiatives usurp local control of tax money and public education and give that power to state government; and

WHEREAS: The idea of less local control and more state control threatens the autonomy and funding of a locally elected Board of Education and local public schools; and

WHEREAS : These resolutions and ballot initiatives apply more – not less – politics in education; and

WHEREAS: If local control disintegrates, a “one size fits all” approach to local governments and local public schools will be the norm; and therefore be it resolved

RESOLVED: That AFT-West Virginia will continue to push back against state government overreach which threatens the autonomy and funding of our county governments and our local public schools.

Respectfully Submitted by AFT-Marion