

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-30

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVIVING THE STATE-RUN FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program has historically provided cities, towns, counties, state agencies, fire departments, and non-profits across the state with access to high-quality, government-grade equipment and supplies at a fraction of retail cost; and

WHEREAS, the program enabled local governments to acquire essential items—such as vehicles, tools, office furniture, emergency response gear, and generators—at discounts of up to 90%, often paying only 5–10% of the original value; and

WHEREAS, the program was recently shut down due to a reported \$300,000 operating deficit, largely caused by changes in federal policy that shifted surplus property sales to online platforms, reducing the volume of high-value items available to the state; and

WHEREAS, despite this shortfall, local governments collectively paid approximately \$900,000 for surplus items through the program—receiving goods worth many times that amount—demonstrating the program's high return on investment and value to Arkansas communities; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the program disproportionately affects small and rural municipalities that rely on affordable access to durable equipment to maintain public safety, infrastructure, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Legislative Council's Joint Performance Review Committee has heard testimony from local officials and emergency responders urging a fiscal impact study and reconsideration of the program's closure; and


WHEREAS, the City/Town/Department of City of Bull Shoals has directly benefited from this program in the past and recognizes its critical role in supporting local government operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS:

1. That we strongly support the **revival or replacement** of the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program;
2. That we urge the Governor, Arkansas General Assembly, and relevant state agencies to explore sustainable funding models or partnerships to restore this vital service;
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, the Arkansas Legislative Council, and our local legislative delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of DECEMBER, 2025.


Mayor Bill Stahlman
City of Bull Shoals

ATTEST: 
Bull Shoals Recorder
Paula Reynolds