



**Resolution Supporting the UTIA Milan AgResearch and Education Center
Land Transfer**

Whereas, the UT Commission on Agriculture represents the various sectors of the Tennessee agriculture industry and thousands of Tennessee agricultural stakeholders; and,

Whereas, the UT Commission on Agriculture recognizes the long-standing contributions to research, innovation, and technology transfer occurring at the UT Milan Experiment Station and its successor, the UT Milan AgResearch and Education Center; and,

Whereas, the UT Milan AgResearch and Education Center has grown into a globally recognized center for innovation in no-till cropping systems and has pioneered major advances in soil conservation, water quality, and farm efficiency; and,

Whereas, for more than 40 years, the UT Milan AgResearch and Education Center has hosted numerous U.S. and state government officials, as well as agricultural leaders, researchers, and producers from various states and almost 30 nations throughout the world to attend the Milan No-Till Field Day; and,

Whereas, securing the future of the UT Milan AgResearch and Education Center is a high priority for both the University of Tennessee and the UT Commission on Agriculture; and,

Whereas, concerns exist regarding continued access to land leased by the University for over 40 years as the U.S. Army determines the future use and possible surplus of the former Milan Army Ammunition Plant (MAAP) site; and,

Whereas, compromising the ability of the University to conduct critical agricultural research would have negative consequences to the farmers of the state, nation, and the agriculture industry;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the UT Commission on Agriculture expresses its strong support for the proposed land transfer in Milan, Tennessee requested of the U.S. Army by the University of Tennessee and encourages the University and all stakeholders to aggressively pursue the transfer of this land.