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**METROPLAN BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION 21-14 REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR, September 29, 2021** — Metroplan announces the adoption of Resolution 21-14.

Today the Metroplan Board adopted Resolution 21-14. This resolution, affirmed by unanimous vote of Metroplan’s executive council, encourages the state of Arkansas to adopt congressional districts which keep the state’s major Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) intact within district boundaries. The resolution recognizes the way metropolitan areas share daily patterns of commuting, work, shopping, medical services and other linkages which are best addressed within a regional context.

The resolution acknowledges that rural regions should also be kept intact to best represent their needs and interests. Finally, the resolution recognizes that the Census 2020 population of the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area matches almost exactly with the exact population number needed to divide the State of Arkansas into four equal congressional districts.

Maps of two possible congressional district configurations are enclosed which allow for fair and reasonable representation within the state of Arkansas.

Metroplan is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the four-county region of Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski and Saline counties. It is a voluntary association of local governments that has operated since 1955.

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**RESOLUTION 21-14**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITIES AND COUNTIES, COMPRISING THE LITTLE ROCK-NORTH LITTLE ROCK-CONWAY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA, FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO ADOPT A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP THAT KEEPS THE STATE'S TWO MAJOR METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS INTACT AND IN SINGLE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, RESPECTIVELY**

**WHEREAS,** Central Arkansas (CA) & Northwest Arkansas (NWA) are the economic engines of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** The demographic unity of the Central Arkansas & Northwest Arkansas regions are enhanced by daily commute patterns for work, for shopping, and medical services, etc. of thier citizens' daily lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Central Arkansas & Northwest Arkansas regions share a uniform urban/suburban development pattern by far greater than most of the rest of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** These regions should be kept intact to strengthen the congressional voice of their respective representatives - just as rural regions should be kept intact to have their voice clearly represented also; and

**WHEREAS,** The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area, that is the six Central Arkansas counties of Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline, Lonoke, Grant, & Perry, has a population that is almost the exact number needed to legally divide the State of Arkansas into four congressional districts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPLAN BOARD:**

Strongly encourages the State of Arkansas to adopt a congressional district map that keeps its two major Metropolitan Statistical Areas intact and in single congressional districts, respectively.

Duly adopted this 29 day of September 2021

**SIGNED:**



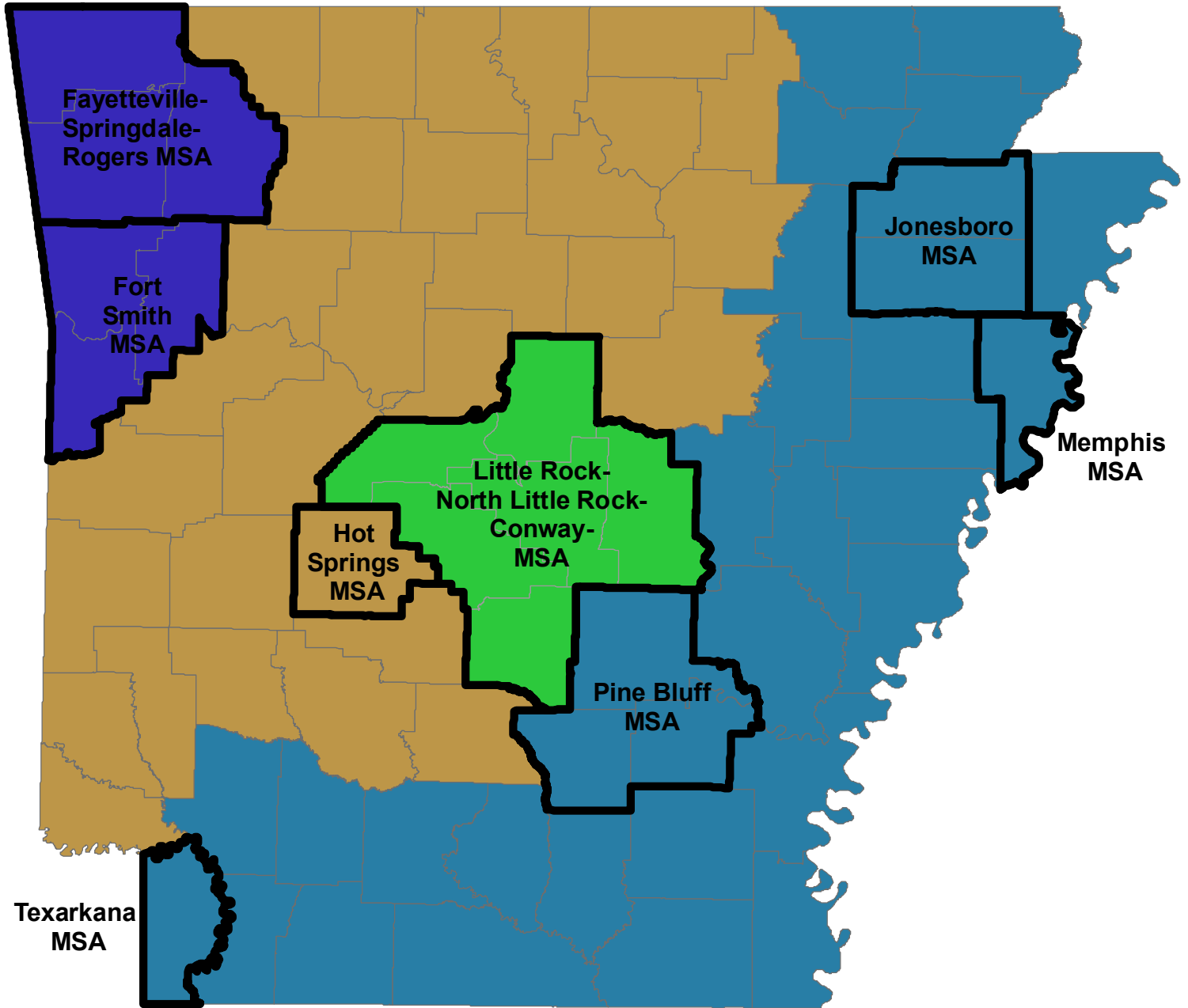
Doug Erwin, President  
Judge, Lonoke County


**ATTEST:**







Allen Scott, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mayor, City of Bryant

# Option A



 Arkansas MSA's

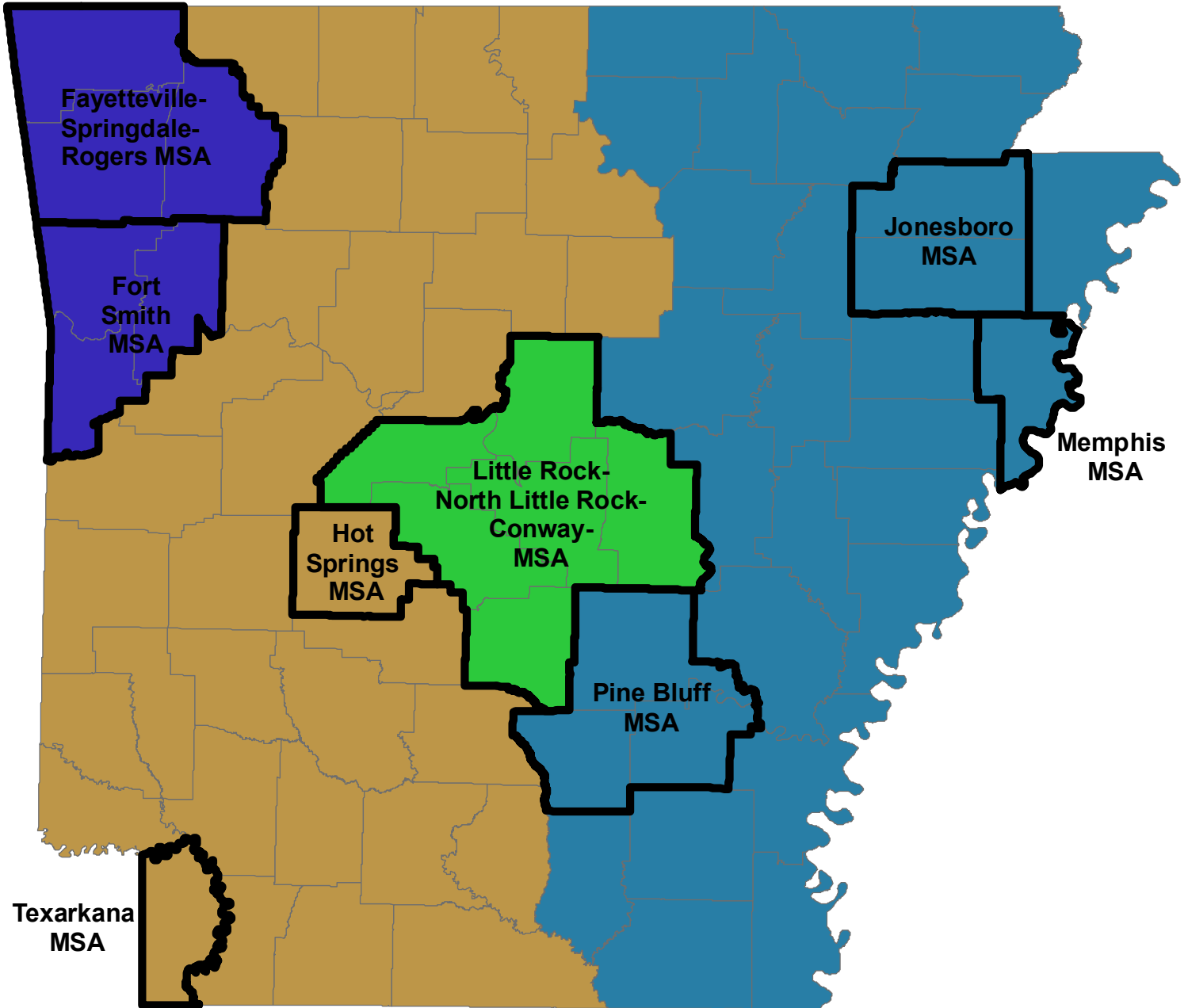
## Potential Congressional Districts

-  District 1 - Pop 761,302
-  District 2 - Pop 748,031
-  District 3 - Pop 751,754
-  District 4 - Pop 750,437

District	Population 2020	% of Mean
1	761,302	101.11850%
2	748,031	99.35581%
3	751,754	99.85031%
4	750,437	99.67538%





Mean Population - 752,881  
 Total State Population - 3,011,524

# Option B



 Arkansas MSA's

## Potential Congressional Districts

-  District 1 - Pop 752,458
-  District 2 - Pop 748,031
-  District 3 - Pop 751,754
-  District 4 - Pop 759,281

District	Population 2020	% of Mean
1	752,458	99.94382%
2	748,031	99.35581%
3	751,754	99.85031%
4	759,281	100.85007%

Mean Population - 752,881  
 Total State Population - 3,011,524