## A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GOVERNOR HASLAM'S INSURE TENNESSEE INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the wellbeing of the citizens of Chattanooga is of the greatest importance;

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate, affordable healthcare insurance is detrimental to our citizens and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County, where Chattanooga is the county seat, has a high percentage of poverty and uninsured Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Haslam's initiative Insure Tennessee, seeks to provide healthcare coverage to low-income citizens without expanding Medicaid and at no cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, Insure Tennessee seeks to reduce charity care, create jobs, provide an option to 24,000 military veterans not eligible for VA services, reduce the instances of medical-related bankruptcies, preserve local hospitals, and retain the federal dollars set aside for Tennessee;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that it is hereby supporting Governor Haslam's Insure Tennessee Initiative believing it will benefit our local citizens and the economy of Chattanooga and the State of Tennessee.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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