RESOLUTION NO. 26222

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CHATTANOOGA RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE U.S. CENSUS 2010.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census is mandated by the United States Constitution to be every ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, census data is used to allocate Congressional seats to states; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care, and senior citizen centers, etc.;

WHEREAS, community planners and governments rely on census data to determine where there is the most need for additional social services and who gets needed funding, such as community development block grants; and

WHEREAS the 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, historically minorities have been under-represented in census data; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the City of Chattanooga encourages all of its residents to complete and mail census forms before census day on April 1, 2010, and to fully cooperate with census workers making personal contacts.

ADOPTED:	February	23	, 201	0