

RESOLUTION NO. 26272

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STAFF OF THE
CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING AGENCY TO INITIATE A MOCCASIN BEND
GATEWAY PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga desires to promote and enhance the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District as a major tourist destination for this community and as an essential link to the downtown area; and

WHEREAS sharing Moccasin Bend's unique archaeological assets, that relate 12,000 years of human settlement, is of the utmost importance for this nation and our local community; and

WHEREAS a goal of the community is to ensure that future access and enjoyment of this national site should become a priority, with local efforts enhancing the investment made by the Federal government; and

WHEREAS the area along Manufacturers and Hamm Roads, will serve as an important gateway for visitors to the Moccasin Bend National Archaeological District; and

WHEREAS the setting along the Tennessee River and the proximity to the North Shore commercial district and the Downtown create important economic opportunities within the area known as the "Moccasin Bend Gateway"; and

WHEREAS the Regional Planning Agency, in partnership with the Friends of Moccasin Bend, the National Park Service and the Trust for Public Lands, has conducted research and developed preliminary concepts that identify educational opportunities, natural resources, and potential interpretive sites within the area; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Plan is needed to manage future growth and development, public spaces, and the expansion of transportation systems, while also protecting the integrity of this nationally recognized resource; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Agency will work with a Moccasin Bend Gateway Committee, local partners, area businesses and property owners, and the National Park Service to develop a comprehensive plan that encompasses the Manufacturers and Hamm Road areas, Cherokee Boulevard to the tunnels, and connections to Stringer's Ridge, the Tennessee River, and the downtown;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the Staff of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency be and is hereby authorized to initiate a comprehensive planning process, including public input, for the Moccasin Bend Gateway area.

ADOPTED: April 20, 2010

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