

RESOLUTION NO. 26962

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NON-CLOSURE OF THE
STATE OF TENNESSEE TAFT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Taft Youth Development Center (TYDC) has operated in Eastern Tennessee over fifty (50) years for the purpose of detention, treatment, rehabilitation, and education of Tennessee children found to be delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has found, determined, and declared that commission of violent crimes by juveniles exacts an unacceptable toll on the fiscal resources of both state and local governments and thereby increases the financial burden upon the taxpayers of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has recognized that criminal gangs, including youth or juvenile members, can be a nuisance that negatively effects local communities; and

WHEREAS, TYDC can serve as a place for the detention of youths that have committed violent crimes or are in need of rehabilitation and education; and

WHEREAS, local youth development centers are beneficial to law enforcement officers for the prevention of crimes by youth; and

WHEREAS, TYDC provides a service to the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, TYDC is of significant assistance in the rehabilitation and education of East Tennessee youths and is located in an area that allows local families to visit with minors who have significant chance of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, TYDC offers youths adjudicated as delinquent the chance to change the course of their lives by remaining in contact with their families and local communities; and

WHEREAS, TYDC is a model for youths adjudicated as delinquent the chance to change the course of their lives by remaining in contact with their families and local communities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the State of Tennessee should take all reasonable actions to continue to operate the Taft Youth Development Center.

ADOPTED: January 24, 2012

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