RESOLUTION NO. 30411

A RESOLUTION URGING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES" AS SET FORTH IN TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 4-21-102(4) TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: ANCESTRY, DISABILITY, GENDER IDENTITY, MILITARY STATUS, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

WHEREAS, Chattanooga is a City of Creativity and Diversity; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected legislative authority of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the City Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected legislative authority of Chattanooga, Tennessee is authorized to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authority deems it essential to provide realistic and reasonable local discrimination protections; and

WHEREAS, such discrimination protections should be as inclusive as possible to reflect modern day diversity efforts so that all individuals are respected and afforded equal treatment,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,

TENNESSEE, that it is hereby urging the Tennessee General Assembly to consider amending the definition of "discriminatory practices" as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-21-102(4) to include the following characteristics: ancestry, disability, gender identity, military status, and sexual orientation.

ADOPTED: July 14, 2020

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