

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE BETTER BUILDINGS CHALLENGE TO JOIN OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN PARTNERING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO PUBLICLY COMMIT TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PARTNER TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

RESOLUTION NO: R-126-2012

REQUESTED BY: Office of Sustainability

PREPARED BY: Law

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**WHEREAS**, the Better Buildings Challenge is a Presidential leadership initiative which calls on chief executive officers, university presidents, and state and local leaders to create American jobs through energy efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, community partners with the Better Buildings Challenge will make public commitments to action, specifically committing to advocate for energy efficiency and develop innovative partnerships and approaches to reduce energy consumption within their communities, and to implement plans to achieve lasting energy savings, improve our environment, and reduce our dependency on foreign oil; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Knoxville has already shown commitment to reducing energy consumption in public facilities and in the community and wishes to enter into a Community Partnership Agreement to join the United States Department of Energy in the Better Buildings Challenge to publicly state and follow through on a commitment to reduce energy consumption in public buildings and partner to reduce energy consumption in the private sector as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Knoxville would be joining cities such as Atlanta, Denver, Washington D.C., Houston, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Seattle in partnering with the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor of the City of Knoxville be and hereby is authorized to execute the Better Buildings Challenge Community Partnership Agreement, in substantially the same form as the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, to publicly state and follow through on a commitment to reduce energy consumption in public buildings and partner to reduce energy consumption in the private sector.

**SECTION 2:** This Resolution will take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the city requiring it.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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