

RESOLUTION NO. 401

Resolution in Support of restoring Football at East Tennessee State University

WHEREAS, ETSU has a long football tradition, when East Tennessee State Normal School, it fielded its first football team in 1920 with the colors of navy blue and old gold, which were chosen in 1911; and

WHEREAS, during Coach Gene McMurray's tenure, the team won the Smokey Mountain Conference Championship in 1938, and the teams name changed to the Buccaneers in 1935; and in 1963, after several name changes, the college gained university status and became East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the 1969 team coached by John Robert Bell, had a record of 10-0-1, won the Ohio Valley and Conference Championship, and the team defeated Louisiana Tech, led by Terry Bradshaw, in the Grantland Rice Bowl in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 ETSU football team, led by Coach Mike Cavan, earned a record 10-3 and participated for the first time in the NCAA Division IAA Playoffs, defeating Villanova in the first round; and

WHEREAS, Buc Football had its first- ever victory over I-A team in 1987 defeating NC State University 29 to 14; and its first-ever victory over a No.1 ranked team in 2001 defeating Georgia Southern 19 to 16; and

WHEREAS, ETSU discontinued football in 2003, and the last football game was played at home on November 22, 2003, resulting in a victory over Citadel; and

WHEREAS, with the ending of its football program, ETSU lost its membership in the Southern Conference leaving a void in campus life with the remaining ETSU athletic teams losing the opportunity to regularly play traditional rivals; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, publicly elected representatives of the people of East Tennessee, supports the return of collegiate football and a marching band to East Tennessee State University and the opportunity to start a new collegiate football tradition, renew old collegiate rivalries, renew collegiate spirit on campus, build a sportsmanship, academic excellence, and leadership qualities; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE EAST TENNESSEE REGION:

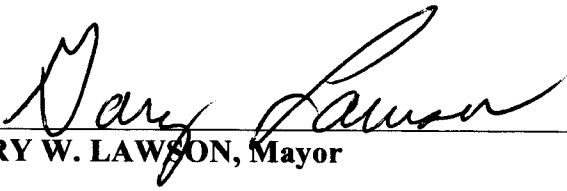
That we hereby recognize and support the Buc Football & Friends Foundation in its efforts to restore football at East Tennessee State University.

Name

Title

Date

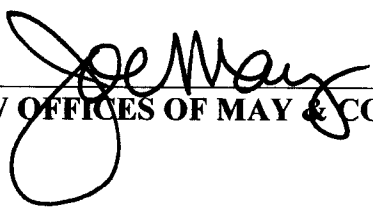
ADOPTED this the 27th day of May, 2008.

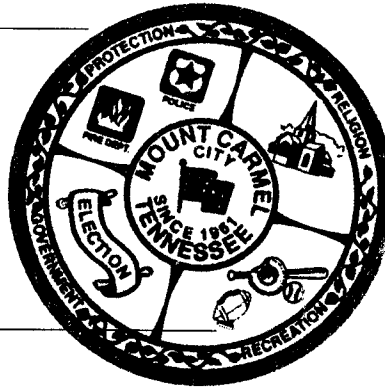

GARY W. LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


MARIAN SANDIDGE, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LAW OFFICES OF MAY & COUP



FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Vice-Mayor Eugene Christian	✓		
Mayor Gary Lawson	✓		
Alderman Richard Gabriel	✓		
Alderman Tresa Mawk	✓		
Alderman Thomas Wheeler	✓		
Alderman Wanda Worley-Davidson	✓		
Alderman Carl Wolfe	✓		
TOTALS	7	0	0

PASSED FIRST READING: May 27, 2008



BUC FOOTBALL AND FRIENDS FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 250
Mountain Home, TN 37684

April 28, 2008

Mayor Gary Lawson
City of Mount Carmel, City Hall
PO Box 1421
Mount Carmel, TN 37645

Dear Mayor Lawson,

The Buc Football and Friends Foundation (BFFF) is asking for your support to restore football and the marching band to East Tennessee State University.

We have attached a resolution for your review. The resolution provides a brief history of ETSU football and gives you some of the reasons why we think restoring football and marching band would help ETSU and the region.

We are in the process of gathering petitions from alumni and the citizens of the ETSU region declaring their support for the restoration of football and marching band. It is our intention to run a prominent ad in the local papers listing the elected officials who support our cause.

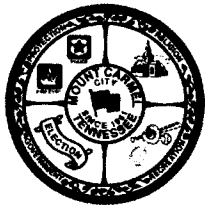
We hope you will join the hundreds of citizens in Sullivan County, Washington County, Tennessee State Senate, and House of Reps who have publicly expressed their support.

We ask that you please sign the petition and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Jerry Robertson at (H) 423-928-7978 or (Cell) 423-306-1116.

If you choose not to participate in this resolution, please return this letter and the unsigned resolution to the BFFF. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry Robertson



Town of Mount Carmel

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May 28, 2008

Jerry Robertson
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Mountain Home, TN 37684

RE: Restoring Football at East Tennessee State University

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of Resolution 401 which was passed by the Mount Carmel Board of Mayor and Aldermen at the May 27, 2008, meeting. Good luck in your endeavor to restore the football program at ETSU!

Should you have any questions or if any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,
TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL


Marian Sandidge, City Recorder

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Enclosure