

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE EXTENSION MASTER
GARDENERS PROGRAM FOR 40 YEARS
OF SERVICE.**



RESOLUTION: R-25-10-104

REQUESTED BY: COMMISSIONER
THOMPSON

PREPARED BY: COMMISSIONER
THOMPSON

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:** *AB*
DIRECTOR OF LAW

APPROVED: October 27, 2025
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WHEREAS, the Knox County Master Gardeners (KCMG) organization was the first Master Gardener program to begin classes in Tennessee on October 17, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the program was organized by Doug Dalton and Harry Bryan, University of Tennessee Extension Agents, who saw the value of a program that helped Extension with public outreach; and

WHEREAS, the KCMG program graduated 48 people in its first class and has held annual training programs each year since; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners annually contribute more than 20,000 volunteer hours, valued at \$611,000 to 16 projects, including the Tennessee Valley Fair, farmers markets, the Tennessee Smart Yards festival, garden classrooms, and regular garden presentations and videos throughout Knox County and the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Master Gardeners organization has won numerous state, national and international awards for its innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, KCMG's mission is to help build better communities by working with individuals, groups and organizations to educate and serve Knoxville and Knox County by providing evidence-based horticulture information through events and activities that benefit all and foster a love for gardening and environmental stewardship.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

The Commission of Knox County hereby honors the Knox County Master Gardeners program upon the occasion of its 40th anniversary in service to our community and celebrates the contributions made each day by the Knox County Master Gardeners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Knox County Master Gardeners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, as provided by the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee, the public welfare requiring it.

Gina Jotter
Presiding Officer of the Commission Date

Sherry Witt 10/27/25
County Clerk Date

Approved: [Signature] 10/27/25
County Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor Date