



City of Chattanooga
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Annual Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride was created in 1994 by Mr. Bill Cason to mark the historic trail used during the 1838 removal of Native Americans from their homelands in the southeast to Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS: In 1994, starting at Ross's Landing in Chattanooga, Tennessee, eight riders started out on a journey destined for Waterloo, Alabama and now thirteen years later, this historic event has grown to incorporate more than one hundred and fifty thousand riders making it the largest organized motorcycle ride in the world, and

WHEREAS: The Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, Inc. is comprised of committed volunteers from Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and Wisconsin, all of which have contributed to marking the first ever completed roadside trail with informative signs dedicated to preserving the legacy of those forced to leave their homes in the 1838 Indian Removal, and

WHEREAS: Through their efforts, the Trail of Tears Remembrance Association has dedicated over two hundred thousand dollars a year for educational scholarships for American Indian children and public awareness campaigns to help advocate true, historical information about the Trail of Tears

Now Therefore, I, Ron Littlefield, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim the 3rd Saturday of each September as

Trail of Tears Remembrance Day

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the 15th day of September, 2007



Ron Littlefield, Mayor