



**A Proclamation Thanking The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for Extending Access to Big Orange Tix to All Students**

**Sponsors:** GSS Legislative Steering Committee Chair Jeronimo Silva, Legislative Steering Committee members John McAlister and Jenna Spurlock

**Co-Sponsors:** GSS President Katherine Trubee, GSS Vice President Hannah Thompson

**WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is the official legislative body and voice of all graduate and professional students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2024, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, extended access to Big Orange Tix to all students enrolled in less than 9 credit hours; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, a minimum of 9 credit hours was required for students to be eligible to apply for tickets; and

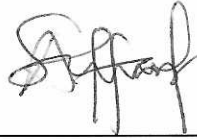
**WHEREAS**, this change sets the new minimum required to 1 credit hour, now allowing graduate students including Graduate Assistants and Associates at the thesis/dissertation phase who are often only enrolled in less than 9 credit hours and considered full-time to apply for student tickets to UTK football and basketball games through Big Orange Tix; and

**WHEREAS**, the speedy implementation of this change to the ticket request eligibility process is the direct result of the collaborative efforts throughout the fall 2023 semester between GSS and university administration, including leadership from the Division of Student Life; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that GSS extends our sincere gratitude to the administration at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for the decision to increase the accessibility of tickets to students enrolled in less than 9 credit hours including full-time Graduate Assistants and Associates, thereby enhancing their ability to engage with university events and fostering a sense community; and

**BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED**, that this document be distributed to the Office of the Chancellor, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, the Dean of the Graduate School, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Faculty Senate Leadership, and the Student Government Association.

Adopted by the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on the eight of February in the year two thousand and twenty-four.



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Samuel Affar  
Senate Chair

The Graduate Student Senate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, President, does hereby  approve /  refuse to approve this resolution.



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Katherine Trubee  
President

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Date