



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

- Resolution expresses support and encourages the Cook Convention Center and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide assistance to the organizers of the first Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention.
- There is no cost to implement this Resolution. The convention will stimulate the local economy.
- **Sponsored by Conrad**

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council is pleased to welcome the inaugural Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention which will be held November 5th and 6th at the Cook Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, events such as the Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention occur in most major cities around the world and draw legions of fans; the largest and most well known in the United States and perhaps the world is the San Diego Comic-Con International, which had a block of 38 hotels and was attended by over 140,000 fans in July 2010; and

WHEREAS, this November, the Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention will fill the Cook Convention Center with vendors as well as renowned artists, crafters and authors including home town artists Jaina, Mitch Foust and Martheus Wade - whose Graphic Novel "Jetta, Tales of the Toshigawa" is currently being made into a major motion picture which is scheduled for release in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Beale St. Comic & Fantasy Parade and events by sponsors Best Buy and Davis Kidd Booksellers will lead up to the November 5th start date when in addition to events such as a Tribute to Mark Hamill, a Costume Masquerade and gaming for the adults, the convention will provide many fun and educational opportunities for children to learn about animation as a business, meet voice actors, and have the opportunity to participate in an art and writing contest; many field trips are expected to travel to the event; and

WHEREAS, the organization of this convention has truly been a labor of love and its founders are doing much work with very limited resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Memphis City Council that the Memphis Cook Convention Center and the Convention and Visitors Bureau support the first Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention and provide as much assistance as we are able to ensure that this event will become a yearly tradition in our city which will grow bigger than the last.

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