

**RESOLUTION No. R-2012- 8**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS NOMINATING CENTENE CORPORATION FOR AWARD OF A STATE OF TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT DESIGNATION; SUPPORTING THE CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE FUND; EXPRESSING INTENT TO OFFER TAX ABATEMENT AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESS INCENTIVES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tyler (City) has previously passed Ordinance No. O-2010-89 on August 25, 2010, electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program, and the local incentives offered under this Resolution are the same on this date as were outlined in Ordinance No. O-2010-89; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) through the Economic Development Bank (Bank) will consider Centene Corporation as an enterprise project pursuant to a nomination and an application made by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to pursue the creation of the proper economic and social environment in order to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in the City and to provide employment to residents of enterprise zones and to other economically disadvantaged individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Texas Government Code (the "Act"), Centene Corporation has applied to the City for designation as an enterprise project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that Centene Corporation meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

1. Centene Corporation is a "qualified business" under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site located in an enterprise zone and at least twenty-five percent (25.0%) of the business' new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone or economically disadvantaged individuals; and
2. There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities within the area; and
3. The designation of Centene Corporation as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the City for development and revitalization of the area.

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that Centene Corporation meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City and nominates Centene Corporation for enterprise project status on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the City to nominate Centene Corporation as an enterprise project pursuant to the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:**

**PART 1.** That the findings of the City and its actions approving this Resolution taken at the City Council meeting are hereby approved and adopted.

**PART 2.** That Centene Corporation is a "qualified business", as defined in Section 2303.402 of the Act, and meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project, as set forth in Section 2303, Subchapter F of the Act.

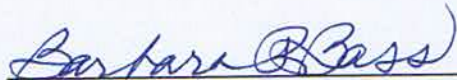
**PART 3.** That, accordingly, the City hereby nominates Centene Corporation for enterprise project status.

**PART 4.** That the enterprise project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by the agency and terminate on March 1, 2017.


**PART 5.** That local support for this project includes Tax Abatement and City of Tyler business incentives to be executed at a later date. The City also supports the Centene Corporation's formal application (the "Application") to obtain a Texas Enterprise Fund Grant (the "Grant") for the Project. Tyler is the single Texas finalist for the Project which is competing with a community in Georgia. Receiving the Grant would significantly facilitate and serve to finalize Centene Corporation's decision to locate the Project in Tyler, Texas, which will create a higher level of employment and economic activity for the State of Texas. The City formally expresses its support for the approval of the Grant, and directs and designates the City Manager to be the City's liaison to communicate with the State of Texas in connection with the Application and the Grant, and to serve as the City's Authorized Community Representative in order to certify and execute the Application. Selection of the finalist community will be contingent upon the state and local incentives packages offered to Centene.

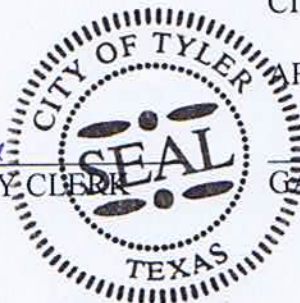
**PART 6.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and approval.


**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Tyler this 28th day of February, 2012.

  
BARBARA BASS, MAYOR OF THE  
CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

  
CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



APPROVED:  
  
GARY C. LANDERS, CITY ATTORNEY

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SMITH

I, CASSANDRA BRAGER, City Clerk of the City of Tyler, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution Number R-2012-8 passed by the City of Tyler City Council on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

(City Seal)



Cassandra Brager  
Cassandra Brager  
City Clerk

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SMITH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CASSANDRA BRAGER, City Clerk of the City of Tyler, Texas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 28 day of February, 2012.

Darcel Veal Thompson  
Notary Public, State of Texas

(Notary Seal)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

