



OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR, MIKE RAGSDALE

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WELCOME TO KNOX COUNTY!

On behalf of our citizens, we are pleased that you have selected us as the site of your 21st biennial Particle Accelerator Conference (PAC05) at the Knoxville Convention Center, May 16-20, 2005. It is our honor to welcome you and your participants from across the country to our great county.

Knox County is well equipped with multiple natural and manmade resources in our area. We are very proud of the serene natural beauty of our lakes, parks, and our greenways and believe there is something special for everyone to enjoy. We certainly have a unique resource in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS). As a result of our close proximity, Knox County is positioned to lead the nation in research and developments in the fields of nuclear and plasma sciences as well as other technology based operations. The declaration of 2005 by the United Nations as the World Year of Physics is indicative of the need to have a comprehensive understanding of what impact accelerator sciences has on our world. We are proud to be a contributor in the advancement of the science and technology industry.

During your stay, we hope you will enjoy our parks, historic sites, museums, shopping opportunities and excellent restaurants. We encourage you to contact the Knoxville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-727-8045, visit its website at www.knoxville.org or stop by their new location at One Vision Plaza located at 301 S. Gay Street. We invite you to take advantage of the locally made products and merchandise that are unique to Knoxville and Knox County.

Again, WELCOME, and enjoy your visit!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Ragsdale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Ragsdale
Knox County Mayor