

A Resolution

To establish Our City as a **CITY OF CHARACTER** with the
CHARACTER COUNCIL OF INDIANA

WHEREAS, the people of our city recognize the importance of honorable character qualities based upon the moral standards held by our Founding Fathers on which they established our nation and legal system; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the validity of the statement by Alexis de Tocqueville that "America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great;" and

WHEREAS, we recognize that individuals are responsible for their actions and that daily decisions should be based upon objective moral standards which are the basis of universally-recognized character qualities, including obedience, honesty, truthfulness, diligence, generosity, kindness, loyalty, and courage; and

WHEREAS, lack of commitment and irresponsibility have resulted in an increasing number of family problems causing personal, social, and financial consequences to individual family members and to this city as a whole; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more positive role models among our young people; and

WHEREAS, if people fail to demonstrate positive character qualities and if they make wrong moral choices, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens are endangered, resulting in a financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, many current societal problems will be alleviated when the citizens of the city live by positive and constructive character qualities which distinguish between right and wrong; and

WHEREAS, teaching positive character qualities to troubled youth has been shown to produce a change in behavior, reducing recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and strengthened and where learning is encouraged; and

WHEREAS, encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Our City:

SECTION 1: The City Council pledges our commitment to character and to doing all in our power to become known as a City of Character by promoting character in our schools, businesses, homes, churches, city government, media, and community groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these jurisdictions to do likewise.

SECTION 2: The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 3: The resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC-36-4-14.

Adopted by the City Council This ____ Day of _____

Signed _____
Mayor

Signed _____
City Council Chairman

Signed _____
City Clerk

