



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND COMMENDING THE MONROE CIRCLE COMMUNITY CENTER ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE, OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP

Whereas, the South Bend Common Council notes that the Monroe Circle Community Center (MC3) is located at 526 West Washington Avenue in the City of South Bend and proud uses the motto “A Place Where Neighbors Love Neighbors” ; and

Whereas, MC3’s early beginnings started in 2001 when two (2) volunteers from Granger Community Church (GCC) were given permission to mentor children in the Monroe Circle public housing complex which became “Son City Kids” and together they partnered to work so that this area of South Bend would develop “...into a vibrant community that cares for, dignifies, equips and guides each other”; and

Whereas, MC3 continued to network, with GCC purchasing the Ko-Op 65 food pantry in 2005 and with GCC beginning their efforts to acquire adjoining buildings which resulted in “donated funds, labor, and in kind gifts, community and business partnerships” whereby MC3 was renovated and historically restored in 2007; and

Whereas, MC3 has dedicated itself “to help each adult and each child living on South Bend’s Near West Side take their next step toward a full and meaningful life, to add value, and to encourage and help each person discover their worth for the purposes of developing a vibrant, safe and strong community with strong values” which focus on the framework of VALUE whose letters reflect: V - vocational, A - art expression, L - leadership and spiritual development, U – unique health and wellness, and E – education empowerment ; and

Whereas, today, MC3 provides a host of multi-faceted opportunities in areas creatively and enthusiastically hosted by volunteers and community partners, some of which include:

- **Open Café** – open every Monday and Tuesday mornings for free coffee, Internet access, television and music
- **Food Pantry and Personal Care Item Pantry** – serving the residents of five (5) public housing neighborhoods: Rabbi Shulman, Monroe Circle, “The Quads”, Wescott Tower and Laurel Court
- **Financial Peace and Literacy** – provided in partnership with First Federal Savings Banks
- **Adult Basic Education – High School Equivalency** – open enrollment for those 16-year-olds and up
- **Construction “Carpenter’s Hands”** – developing a volunteer construction team

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The South Bend Common Council proudly recognizes **MONROE CIRCLE COMMUNITY CENTER ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY** as they continue to engage with many community partners and volunteers focusing on building a “vibrant community that cares for, dignifies, equips and guides each other” as they pursue VALUE.

Section II. The Common Council notes MC3 also hosts twelve (12) community-wide event each year, hosts weekly Narcotics Anonymous Programs, hosts E-Senior care enabling seniors to connect with technology and offers a host of activities through “Aging in Place” focusing on exercise, education, nutrition and social activity. The Council wishes MC3 continued success as they provide needed outreach for the betterment of South Bend.

Section III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

Tim Scott, 1st District Council Member

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Kathleen Cekanski Farrand, Council Attorney

Attest:

Approved this ___ day of July, 2016.

Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana

