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RESOLUTION 00-05

Denouncing Acts of Violence

Whereas, Bloomington is a thriving community with lively public discourse and where there is no room for acts of violence; and

Whereas, it is through public discourse that we sort out our individual differences and realize what is true and what is false, gain information in order to make personal decisions about the course of our own futures, and decide through the political process upon collective action for the common good; and

Whereas, we are presently in the midst of such discourse regarding growth in our community and the effects urban sprawl and traffic congestion have on the character of our community and the quality of our lives; and

Whereas, the discourse has been largely positive and constructive, with citizens engaging others in debate, becoming educated on the issues, participating in the political process, and exploring local solutions to very difficult issues; and

Whereas, it now appears that the recent fire of a home under construction in Sterling Woods subdivision was an act of arson carried out under the pretense of a political statement about urban sprawl; and

Whereas, such acts of violence are serious violations of the law that clearly breach the limit of civility and must not be tolerated because they instill fear and promote rage, and drive us apart as a community rather than reaffirm our respect for one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council denounces such acts of violence.

2. The Common Council extends its sympathy to the Scott family for the damage to their property.

3. The Common Council urges members of the community to engage in constructive and non-violent discourse.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 2nd day of February, 2000.

Michael Diekhoff V.P.
TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore
REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 3rd day of February, 2000.

Regina Moore
REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 3rd day of February, 2000.

JR Fernandez
JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by council members Cole, Ruff and Sabbagh. It responds to a recent incident by denouncing acts of violence and urging citizens to engage in constructive, non-violent discourse.

Vince & Kelly Scott
Safe & Civil City Coord
Human Rights Office

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MAYOR