Passed: 7-0-1 (P. Swain)

**RESOLUTION 95-05**

**SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE TECHNICAL WORKFORCE TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council is on record as supporting economic development initiatives that attract new and retain existing businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, while economic development efforts have traditionally emphasized establishing pre-zoned industrial land, a well trained workforce has proven to be another key ingredient in attracting new and retaining existing jobs, particularly high-skill, high-pay jobs; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate "that many Indiana (and Bloomington) adults do not possess the level of proficiency required to perform in technologically advanced occupations,"; and

WHEREAS, while our community is fortunate to have several institutions involved in training, there needs to be a comprehensive action plan that addresses the training needs of business and industry; and

WHEREAS, there are grant and other funding opportunities available that are designed to assist communities in meeting technical training needs and that require matching local funds or in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Council has always sought opportunities where limited city funds could be leveraged to obtain other sources of funding;

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

1. The Bloomington Common Council reaffirms its support for economic development by calling upon those involved in this effort to make workforce technical training an integral component in their respective endeavors.

2. The Council invites those involved in workforce training to develop action plans and initiatives that provide workforce technical training, which could be considered by the Council, along with other proposals, for inclusion in the 1996 City Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15 day of February, 1995.

Iris Kiesling

IRIS ~~KIESLING~~, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED AND APPROVED by me upon this 16th day of February, 1995.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Bonnell, supports initiatives that promote the technical proficiency of the local workforce.

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