passed 9-0

RESOLUTION 11-13

SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONROE COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, One of the goals of the City of Bloomington is to ensure that all youths are successful in life;

WHEREAS, Programs and policies should be designed to ensure that all youths have access to support services that meet their needs, build on their aspirations, and prepare them for education, work, and life;

WHEREAS, The Search Institute (www.search-institute.org) has identified 40 Developmental Assets that are shown to help young people grow up to be healthy, caring and responsible adults. Among these 40 Developmental Assets are the following:

- young people perceive adults in the community value youth
- youth are given useful roles in the community
- youth provide meaningful community service

WHEREAS, It is essential for young people to have opportunities for leadership roles in the community and a genuine voice in the development and implementation of programs and policies that impact youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. The City of Bloomington Common Council and Mayor support the establishment of a nonpartisan Monroe County Youth Council (the 'Youth Council') comprised of diverse youth representatives from across Monroe County, with the purpose of providing a forum for youth to develop leadership skills, create youth-centered programs and initiatives that benefit the community, and to provide policy review and advice to policy makers, elected officials and government representatives.

Section 2. The Youth Council will be guided by mechanisms established by the Youth Council Board of Governance (the 'Board') in furtherance of Youth Council membership, committee activities, and Youth Council programs. The Mayor shall have one appointment to the Board, to serve for a term of one (1) year from his or her date of appointment or until his or her successor is duly appointed.

Section 3. The Common Council and Mayor welcome periodic reports of the Youth Council's activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2011.

Susan Sandberg

SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 7th day of October, 2011.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Sandberg and Mayer and supports the establishment of a Monroe County Youth Council. The Youth Council's purpose will be to provide a forum for youth to develop leadership skills, create youth-centered programs and initiatives that benefit the community, and to provide policy review and advice to policy makers, elected officials and government representatives. The activities of the Youth Council will be overseen by a Board of Governance (Board) consisting of members of the Asset Building Coalition as well as appointees from local units of government. In that regard, this resolution also provides for the Mayor to make one appointment to the Board.