RESOLUTION 99-23

HONORING THE LIFE OF WON- JOON YOON AND CONDEMNING RACIST HATRED IN BLOOMINGTON

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Bloomington Community are proud of their rich ethnic mosaic and cherish the contributions to our community that are made by citizens who come here from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council, by an earlier resolution, affirmed the Community's commitment for tolerance and diversity and condemned the racist literature that was being distributed within our city; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1999 the life of a new member of our community family, Won-Joon Yoon, was sadly and violently ended while he was entering his church in Bloomington, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, an entire community mourns the loss of Won-Joon Yoon, and the promising life that ended so tragically at the hand of intolerance, bigotry and injustice;

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

The entire Bloomington Community sends our profound and sincere condolences to the family of Won-Joon Yoon for the tragic and senseless loss of their son and brother, and

We pledge to all citizens of this community that we will honor his life, by recognizing the wonderful qualities he shared of kindness, generosity, and caring for everyone he met, and

While with his death the dreams, hopes and happiness of his family for him are gone, we as the Bloomington Community also mourn the loss of this wonderful young life and all the potential that was his, and pledge to do all that we can to always remember him as a cherished member of our community and finally,

As we look into our own hearts, we once again affirm our pledge to celebrate the precious life of Won-Joon Yoon and also emphatically reaffirm our pledge that we as a community will never succumb to the seeds of hatred and violence.

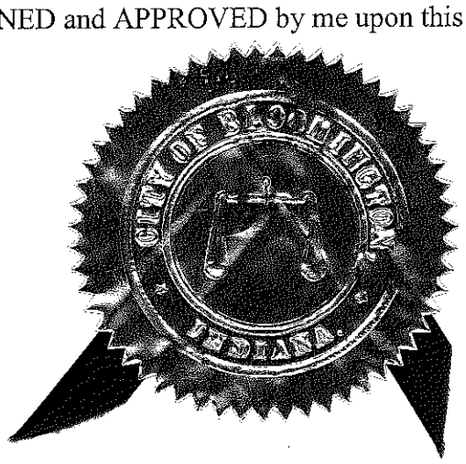
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7th day of July, 1999.

S. Patricia Cole
PATRICIA COLE, Vice President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 9th day of July, 1999.



JF Fernandez
JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington