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RESOLUTION 90-18

TO ESTABLISH A COMMON COUNCIL LIAISON
TO THE BLOOMINGTON RECYCLING COALITION IN ORDER TO
FURTHER THE EFFORTS OF THE COALITION

WHEREAS, the United States in in the midst of a national crisis regarding the disposal of its solid waste materials; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a goal of twenty five percent (25%) reduction of the solid waste stream by 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly has enacted laws to encourage state and local governmental agencies to purchase recycled and degradable products, and to require that plastics be identified by resin composition; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council passed a resolution on January 17, 1990 urging city departments to purchase recycled and recyclable materials whenever environmentally sound and economically feasible to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has long supported environmental protection and natural resource management programs and policies by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council declared that April 22, 1990 be designated Earth Day 1990 and that the day be set aside for public activities promoting preservation of the environment; and

WHEREAS, many environmentally oriented events were scheduled throughout the week of April 22-28, 1990, beginning with the activities planned for Earth Day, and ending with Arbor Day activities on April 28; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recently passed Ordinance 90-10, which requires local residents to separate and tag yard wastes for collection and composting; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Recycling Coalition is an active volunteer organization that was instrumental in promoting and implementing Ordinance 90-10, and is currently engaged in promoting recycling in the schools; and

WHEREAS, in the short term, several Councilmembers propose introducing legislation in response to the environmental concerns Earth Day is intended to emphasize, including legislation to strengthen the City's program of curbside collection of recyclables, and legislation to limit the use of non-recyclable materials in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the City's efforts in reducing the waste stream collected by the City Sanitation Department have been aided greatly by the curbside collection of recyclables program, and the yard waste composting program; and

WHEREAS, as a measure of the City's efforts in reducing the City-collected waste stream, the City wishes to establish goals for waste reduction that are both challenging and attainable; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate Earth Day's longer term goals, a Common Council liaison to the Bloomington Recycling Coalition should be established; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition and the Council liaison are strongly encouraged to invite representatives from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, local business and industry, the Environmental Commission, and other facets of our community, to join the Coalition's efforts to study, consider and implement source reduction, source separation, composting and other programs that will allow Bloomington to become a sustainable community;

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

The Common Council supports the goals of Earth Day 1990, and to further those goals, hereby establishes a Council liaison to the Bloomington Recycling Coalition, said liaison to be appointed by the Council President. The Council encourages the Coalition and liaison to invite local business, industry, political, cultural, environmental and community leaders to join the Coalition's efforts in order to involve as many facets of the community as possible in the vital endeavor of gathering information, considering methods and implementing local programs to encourage source reduction, recycling and other environmentally sound programs.

In addition, the Common Council hereby establishes the goal of reducing the City-collected waste stream by thirty five percent (35%) by the end of 1991, and the goal of reducing the City-collected waste stream by fifty percent (50%) by the end of 1994.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 16 day of May, 1990.

Iris Kiesling

IRIS KIESLING, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 26 day of May, 1990.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Fernandez, establishes a Common Council liaison to the Bloomington Recycling Coalition and urges the Coalition to invite a broad range of community leaders to join its efforts to study, consider and implement programs that encourage source reduction, recycling and other environmentally sound goals. This Resolution also establishes goals for the reduction of the City-collected waste stream.

Signed copies to
Jane St. John