

RESOLUTION NO. 72-18

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group requests that the Bloomington City Council adopt the following resolution:

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group (InPIRG) will be a student-funded, student-directed research and action group working for constructive social change within the established legal and political structure. It will be a non-profit, non-partisan, and completely autonomous corporation. Through it, students, faculty, and other people from the community will unite to examine problems of public concern and to present an informed opinion on those problems. The general areas of InPIRG concern will include: Consumer protection, resource planning, occupational safety, environmental quality, racial and sexual equality, housing problems, health care, problems of the aged, and similar matters of urgent or long-range concern.

The Bloomington City Council endorses the InPIRG Proposal and encourages authorization of a local chapter of InPIRG on the following grounds:

1. InPIRG will benefit the community by providing a mechanism by which concerned students will relate their academic studies to concrete problem analysis and problem solving within the Bloomington Community and the the State of Indiana.
2. InPIRG will benefit the student participants by providing a more stimulation educational atmosphere. Classroom techniques and information may be applied in practical situations. Additionally, channels will be created through which students will become better informed about how public policy is made and how to influence that policy. Active, informed citizens will be the result.
3. InPIRG has obtained wide-based support of this program, and the parties involved have generally endorsed the proposal to form a local Chapter:
 - a. Indiana University students--the majority of whom

have signed the InPIRG Petition requesting establishment of a special \$1.50 voluntary student assessment to support this group

- b. I.U. faculty--substantial numbers of whom support the idea and have offered their assistance in this establishment
- c. the Bloomington Community--from which many individuals and groups have expressed their interest and endorsement

In conclusion, we, the Bloomington City Council, urge the administration of the Bloomington campus to encourage the establishment of the Indiana Public Interest Research Group at Bloomington according to the germs of the general InPIRG proposal.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1972.

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ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

Francis X. McCloskey
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