

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2011

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING MALE PARTICIPATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the children and youth of Terre Haute, Indiana, have great potential and are a valuable asset to the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, the children and youth of our community need effective families and role models of both genders in their lives to develop strong skills, values, and sense of worth as well as sense of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that children and youth who are fatherless are at a higher risk for suicide, unplanned pregnancy, drug use, criminal behavior and dropping out of school; all of these results have a negative impact on the economic and social development of our community; and

WHEREAS, children, who are fatherless through no fault of their own, benefit from the support of dependable adult males within their extended families and community and therefore are at a much lower risk as those children without such role models of effective, positive living.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute, Indiana that the Council resolves:

- To support efforts to find, develop and encourage dependable adult males within our community to contribute time to mentor children and youth through programs which screen and place mentors.
- To encourage dependable adult males who are grandfathers, uncles, neighbors, teachers, and other community mentors as they step up with time and effort to guide the fatherless children in their lives
- To personally commit ourselves to interact with at least one fatherless child, beyond our family, at least once a year so we are reminded of the challenges they experience.
- To acknowledge efforts to celebrate both the importance of fathers and male role models, who step up and step in to do the important work of fathers to the children and youth within our community.

Introduced by:  John Mullican, Councilman

Passed in open Council this 19th day of June, 2011.

John Mullican John Mullican, President
ATTEST: Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 10th day of June, 2011.

Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk
Approved by me, the Mayor, this 10th day of JUNE, 2011.

Duke A. Bennett Duke A. Bennett, Mayor
ATTEST: Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk