

RESOLUTION NO. 2699

**A RESOLUTION FOR BUILDING OUR
COMMUNITY WITH CHARACTER**

WHEREAS, the people of Belleville recognize the importance of honorable character based on the standard established by our nation's founders and its legal system; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the validity of Dr. Thomas Lickona's statement, "For a community of character to develop and endure, an abiding concern for character must become part of the community's culture-it's ordinary infrastructure and everyday conversation. A concern for character must define our sense of how we do things and who we are;" and,

WHEREAS, we desire to build upon our heritage and make Belleville a place where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbors care about one another, and citizens make wise choices for their lives and families; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that individuals are responsible for their actions and that decisions should be based on the universally recognized character traits of respect, responsibility, peace, empathy, integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, perseverance, cooperation, self-discipline, fairness, caring, and citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, we desire to focus on these character traits, which we will consider Life Skills, in order to move our community forward and grow into a city which respects and honors diversity while at the same time celebrates unity of character; and,

WHEREAS, the emphasis on Life Skills in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Belleville, that it pledges its commitment to character and will encourage, recognize, and reward good character and evaluate decisions and policies on the basis of whether they promote good character, and encourages its citizens to do all in their power to promote character in our schools, businesses, homes, churches,

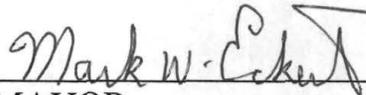
city government, media, and community groups, and urges the leaders of each of these entities to do likewise, so that Belleville can be known as a City of Character.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and approval all as provided by law.

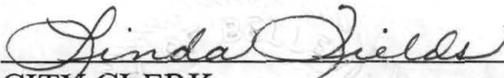
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, on this 6TH day of JUNE, 2005 on the following roll call vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Jerry Dinges	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Wayne Saeger	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Shively	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Dorothy Meyer	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Rob Anderson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ed Hock, Jr.	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Johnnie Anthony	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Stan Syzdek	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Phillip Silsby	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Randy Hoercher	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Blaies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Paul Seibert	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Thom Peters	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Green	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
James Musgrove	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Catherine Kreher	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois this 7TH day of JUNE, 2005.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


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LINDA FIELDS RESOLUTIN NO. 2699
City Clerk
Belleville, Illinois

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

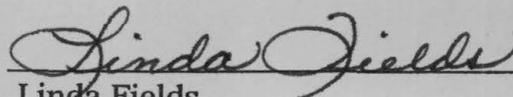
STATE OF ILLINOIS }
County of St. Clair } ss
City of Belleville }

I, Linda Fields, City Clerk for said City of Belleville, duly elected qualified and acting, and keeper of the records and seals thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached to be a true, complete and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2699 duly and regularly passed by the City Council of the City of Belleville at a REGULAR meeting of said City Council on the 6TH day of JUNE 20 05.

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as the said matter appears on file and of record in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, have hereunto set my hand and seal of said City at my office in the City of Belleville, this 9TH day of JUNE A.D. 20 05.



Linda Fields
City Clerk
Belleville, Illinois

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