STATE OF INDIANA

BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SELLERSBURG, INDIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - R - 001

A RESOLUTION PROCLAMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 20TH 2022 AS "NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK"

WHEREAS, the town council for Sellersburg, Indiana (this "Council") supports the youth of the Town of Sellersburg, Indiana who will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy;

WHEREAS, youth need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, depression, and crime, and youth need readily available resources to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the youth of the Town of Sellersburg by offering short-term housing at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise young people seeking assistance and guidance;

WHEREAS, designated locations where youth can get information and immediate help, Safe Place is found at businesses, such as restaurants, convenience stores, movie theaters, and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries and public transportation vehicles;

WHEREAS, the success of Safe Place is based on public/private collaborations between businesses, school systems, fire departments, law enforcement, and a network of volunteers;

WHEREAS, the Town of Sellersburg needs increased numbers of community volunteers serving as mentors and positive influences on young people;

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program must meet performance standards, relative to outreach and community relations, to receive direct federal assistance as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

WHEREAS, more than 1,400 communities in 36 states administer the Safe Place program at more than 22,000 locations;

WHEREAS, more than 359,000 youth have been helped at a Safe Place location or received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information received at school;

WHEREAS, since program inception in 1983, more than 15 million youth have been educated through National Safe Place Network's Safe Place outreach efforts, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe;

WHEREAS, increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the week of March 20 through March 27, 2022 will be known as "National Safe Place Week" within the Town of Sellersburg; and calls upon the people of the Town of Sellersburg and interested groups to promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement in, the Safe Place program; and observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

This 14th day of March, 2022.

"Aye"	"Nay"
Brad Amos Council President	Brad Amos Council President
Matthew Czarnecki Council Vice President	Matthew Czarnecki Council Vice President
Tetry Langford Council Member	Terry Langford Council Member
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