RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 15th day of October 2024, at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Trezise and Trustee Sundland

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Deschaine and supported by Trustee Sundland

WHEREAS, the purpose of Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness of the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety, recognizes the unique circumstances and needs of each child, and that acts in the best interest of each child; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of recognizing Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness of the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma, and post separation abuse for all professionals and judges working within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, we must also educate judges and other family court professionals on the proper application of existing laws regarding children to ensure that the children's best interests are first and foremost in every decision made by a Family Court; and

WHEREAS, we must further educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available; such research is a critical component to educating the decision makers regarding the best interests of children. This research includes the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (U.S Department of Justice). The Meier Study; Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenging of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court); and

WHEREAS, during Family Court Awareness Month, state state of Michigan seeks to educate the public, continue to improve the family court system, and honor over one hundred children in the United States who were murdered by a parent after a custody court rejected the other parent's please for protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, hereby declares November, 2024 as Family Court Awareness Month in Meridian Township.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Trezise and Trustee Sundland

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian