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RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2010

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF WABASH VALLEY HOMEWARD BOUND.

WHEREAS, homelessness is a problem across the country; Indiana is no exception. In light of the current economic situation, citizens of Indiana and the Wabash Valley are suffering and are becoming increasingly vulnerable to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, a report of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated on a single night in January 2008, 664,414 individuals are homeless in the United States, and an estimated 88,000 in Indiana who are homeless. On January 27, 2010, local volunteers from the Wabash Valley Homeless Coalition counted over 75 surveyed homeless individuals not in shelters on the streets of Terre Haute; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in the United States is 9.7%, 10.4% in Vigo County, and an all time high of 11% in Terre Haute. These unemployment statistics indicate that a direct correlation to homelessness exists; and

WHEREAS, The Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED) deemed it necessary to unite with service providers and advocates to concert their efforts to streamline programs and services for Indiana residents working toward self sufficiency and put forth efforts that it to raise awareness of the homelessness issue; and

WHEREAS, The Homeward Bound Homeless Walk, a project of IACED, was formed in 2002 as a state wide effort to raise money to provide housing and fight homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2008, the Wabash Valley Homeward Bound Walk was initiated to combat the problems of homelessness in our own community. Local citizens, business and community leaders, and city and county officials have been asked to pledge their support and efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana that The Wabash Valley Homeward Bound is hereby recognized and commended for its efforts, dedication, and duty to assisting the people of this community in their plight of homelessness.

Introduced by: _____ Norman Loudermilk, Councilman

Passed in open Council this _____ day of _____, 2010.

_____ Neil Garrison, President

ATTEST: _____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2010.

_____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

_____ Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk