

RESOLUTION NO. R. 159 - 2000

TO ESTABLISH the City of Cincinnati as a "City of Character" with the International Association of Character Cities.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cincinnati recognize the importance of honorable character qualities based upon the moral standards held by our Founding Fathers on which they established our nation and legal system; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the validity of the statement by Alexis de Toqueville that "America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."; and

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

WHEREAS, we recognize that individuals are responsible for their actions and that daily decisions should be based upon objective moral standards that are the basis of universally recognized character qualities, including obedience, honesty, truthfulness, diligence, generosity, kindness, loyalty, and courage; and

WHEREAS, lack of commitment and irresponsibility have resulted in an increasing number of family problems causing personal, social, and financial consequences to individual family members and to this city as a whole; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more positive role models among our young people to help prevent juvenile rebellion and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, if people fail to demonstrate positive character qualities and if they make wrong moral choices, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cincinnati are endangered, resulting in a financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, many current societal problems will be alleviated when the citizens of Cincinnati live by positive and constructive character qualities that distinguish between right and wrong; and

WHEREAS, teaching positive character qualities to juvenile delinquents has been shown to produce a change in behavior and in reducing recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, our schools should provide a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and strengthened, and where learning is encouraged; and

WHEREAS, encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis on positive character qualities 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 Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

That Council seeks to establish Cincinnati as a "City of Character" by asking its citizens to pledge their commitment to character and to doing all in their power to promote character in our schools, businesses, homes, places of worship, local government, media and community groups and urging the leaders of each of these jurisdictions to do likewise; and

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Council.

PASSED September 27, 2000

ATTEST Sandra L. Sherman  
Clerk

[Signature]  
MAYOR

# City of Cincinnati



Interdepartment  
Correspondence Sheet

September 21, 2000

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To: Councilmember Phil Heimlich

From: Fay D. Dupuis, City Solicitor

Subject: Resolution - City of Character

Pursuant to your request, attached is a resolution captioned:

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Attachment

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