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## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ESTABLISHING THE COLUMBUS MAYOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

(Columbus MACDA)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus embraces inclusiveness, diversity and equal opportunity as core community values and believes the City of Columbus is stronger when the city is more welcoming and accessible, and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges and barriers faced by persons with disabilities limit their ability to fully and equally participate in the life of the Columbus community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will work toward the full inclusion of persons with disabilities through the creation of a forum in which members representing the disability community and other individuals and organizations come together to develop programs, promote education, create resources and engage in advocacy for an accessible community and on issues affecting persons with disabilities.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, CITY OF COLUMBUS, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

- ESTABLISHMENT: The Mayor establishes the Columbus Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability and Accessibility to advance independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disability in all aspects of the Columbus community;
- 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES: The Council shall be convened by the Columbus Human Rights Commission, and its purpose is to advise the Mayor on matters affecting the disability community and advise and assist other City Boards, Commissions, Committees and City staff on matters affecting persons with disabilities. The Council may address areas of concerns including, but not limited to: Accessibility, Housing, Emergency Services, Transportation and Recreation;
- 3. **MEMBERS:** The Advisory Council shall be composed of nine (9) voting members, serving without compensation, plus ex-officio members including one staff member each from the Engineering Department, Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Human Rights Commission;
- 4. **APPOINTMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:** The Advisory Council members will be appointed by the Mayor and members shall include a minimum of fifty (50) percent persons with disabilities and represent a wide range of disabilities and membership is limited to Columbus residents.
- 5. **BYLAWS:** the Committee shall follow the bylaws and rules as established for the operation of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability, covering such matters including

but not limited to membership, officers, roles and responsibilities, attendance, terms and committees.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, CITY OF COLUMBUS, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA, on this the day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Mayor Kristen Brown, Mayor

City of Columbus, Indiana

Susan Fye, Board of Works Member

Tom Dowd, Board of Works Member

ATTEST:

Luann Welmer, Clerk-Treasurer

City of Columbus, Indiana