

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-41

RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHING A YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADOPTING A YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, the Racine County Board of Supervisors deems it necessary to promote the importance of leadership, citizenship and stewardship among all citizens, and;

WHEREAS, positive youth development is critical to building civic leadership and long-term community sustainability in Racine County, and;

WHEREAS, the Racine County Board of Supervisors values the ideas, voice and input of youth in our communities, and;

WHEREAS, some research has documented that Racine County youth perceive there to be limited useful roles and leadership opportunities in their communities, and;

WHEREAS, future civic leaders must be fostered from a diverse population, and;

WHEREAS, *Youth in Governance* (hereinafter referred to as “YIG”) is a nation-wide initiative that will also benefit Racine County as an integral part of county government, and help to create better government, and;

WHEREAS, the Racine County Board of Supervisors supports the YIG initiative that recognizes young people as capable citizens who have the capacity to address concerns, contribute untapped knowledge and energy while providing an enhanced forum for developing effective strategies and tangible change,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors adopts a YIG program for one year beginning 1 May 2014 that may be considered for renewal ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date. The program will include up to two youth members on select County Board committees. Youth members will have a non-binding advisory vote on each committee. Start up, orientation, training and evaluation for this initiative will be initially funded at no less than \$500.00 and no more than \$2,500. The County Board Chairman will appoint members to the Youth In Governance Committee - a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the County Board to identify youth participants, adult mentors, establish operating policy and evaluate program impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the offices of UW-Extension and the Racine County Clerk will provide day-to-day administrative support to the subcommittee and in furtherance of the successful operation of the YIG program.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two of the County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements or any other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

Peter L. Hansen, Chairman

BOARD ACTION

Adopted _____

Russell A. Clark, Vice Chairman

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Robert N. Miller, Secretary

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

James A. Ladwig, County Executive