## RESOLUTION 96- 💪

WHEREAS, Wabash County, Indiana, resolves to adhere to the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988; and Indiana Code 22-9.5-1 et. seq. to prohibit and prevent discrimination in the area of housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners, Wabash County, Indiana, as follows:

- 1. It is the policy of the Wabash County Board of Commissioners, Wabash County, Indiana, to assist and encourage fair housing throughout Wabash County.
- 2. It is hereby prohibited to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing within Wabash County due to the issue of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.
- 3. It shall be unlawful to discriminate on the basis of the aforementioned issues in any residential real estate-related transaction, such as:
  - a) The making or purchasing of loans or providing other financial assistance;
  - (b) The selling, brokering, or appraisal of residential real property.
- 4. It shall be unlawful to deny any person access to the provisions of real estate brokerage services.
- 5. It shall be unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of any rights granted or protected herein.
- 6. As to the administrative enforcement of this resolution:
  - (a) The authority and responsibility for properly administering this Ordinance and referral of complaints hereunder to the Commission as set forth in subsection (b) hereof shall be vested in the Executive Wabash County Board of Commissioners, Wabash County, Indiana. (Executive).
  - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of I.C. 22-9.5-4-8, the Executive of Wabash County, Indiana,

because of a lack of financial and other resources necessary to fully administer enforcement proceedings and possible civil actions under this Resolution, herein elects to refer all formal complaints of violation of the articles of this Resolution by Complainants to the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("Commission") for administrative enforcement actions pursuant to Title 22-9.5-6 of the Indiana Code and the Wabash County Board of Commissioners, Wabash County, Indiana, shall refer all said complaints to the Commission as provided for under Subsection (a) of this Section to said Commission for purposes of investigation, resolution, and appropriate relief as provided for under Title 22-9.5-6 of the Indiana Code.

- (c) All executive departments and agencies of Wabash County, Indiana, shall administer their departments, programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further the purposes of this Ordinance and shall cooperate with the Executive and the Commission to further such purposes.
- 7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 3 day of September, 1996.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDEN

COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

WABASH COUNTY AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER