RESOLUTION NO. ______

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE YOUTH MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; TO ENCOURAGE THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), has actively pursued Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (PIT) Programs for youth for approximately twenty-five (25) years as a means to stop youth criminalization and youth victimization; and,

WHEREAS, the City must define issues that face our youth and their families as a public health concern as well as a public safety concern, and partners from the public and private sectors must team up to help create and implement a Youth Master Plan ("the Plan") to serve as a blueprint for action that allows the community of Little Rock to organize around goals that span the continuum of prevention; and,

WHEREAS, for more than the year the City has been engaged with professionals to review past practices, best practices across the nation, and the needs of the community as identified by members of the community -- including youth members -- working together with professionals and with City departments and other organizations that deal with such issues on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2016, by motion, the Board of Directors of the City approved the proposed Youth Master Plan so that its implementation could begin immediately, with the understanding that a formal resolution would be offered at the next regular meeting to memorialize this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors endorses the Youth Master Plan, and its various implementation guidelines and target dates, as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Section 2. The Board expresses its appreciation to the City Manager, the Community Programs Department and all persons who assisted in the development of this plan, and who will assist in the implementation and the continued evaluation of the elements of this plan.

Section 3. With this endorsement, the Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to make Little Rock a place to thrive because any child growing up in Little Rock should feel safe, supported, and inspired to pursue a life of value, and all of the City’s children, youth and families deserve to live in a community where they can achieve a sustainable and meaningful quality of life making this community strong and vibrant while realizing this vision will take all of the City working together.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
resolution.

Section 5. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: June 21, 2016

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk         Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: ENDORSED:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney         Lance Hines, Vice-Mayor (Ward 5)

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Erma Hendrix, Ward 1         Ken Richardson, Ward 2

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Kathy Webb, Ward 3         Brad Cazort, Ward 4

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Doris Wright, Ward 6         B.J. Wyrick, Ward 7

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Joan Adcock, Position 10         Gene Fortson, Position 11

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Dr. Dean Kumpuris, Position 12         Bruce T. Moore, City Manager