

## RESOLUTION 15-21

### IN SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF INDIANA AND KENTUCKY

- WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky is the largest provider of reproductive health care services in Bloomington, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky has served women, men, teens, and families in Bloomington, Indiana and surrounding communities for 51 years and provides access to critical, non-judgmental health care services, including: birth control, life-saving cancer screenings, HIV screenings and counseling, STD testing and treatment, well-women exams, and, safe and legal abortion; and
- WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood provides these essential services to many of the Bloomington community's most vulnerable residents, residents who would otherwise be unable to afford such care; and
- WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a critical community partner in protecting the health of Bloomington residents:
- Planned Parenthood's Bloomington Health Center provides health services to over 4,000 women, men, and teens each year, 80% of whom come to Planned Parenthood for family planning services, and 80% of whom are at or below 150% federal poverty level;<sup>1</sup> and
  - In 2014 alone, Planned Parenthood's Bloomington Health Center provided 4,413 STD tests and treatments, including HIV tests, 890 breast exams, and 224 cervical cancer screenings to its patients;<sup>2</sup> and
  - At a time when Monroe County's STD rates outpace national rates,<sup>3</sup> and at a time when our community is experiencing an increase in Hepatitis C infections, the testing and treatment provided by Planned Parenthood's Bloomington Health Center is ever-more vital; and
- WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is an indispensable defender of regional health:
- Planned Parenthood provides care in Monroe County, a medically underserved area as indicated by a shortage in primary care physicians, high infant mortality rates, populations with incomes below the poverty level, and/or populations age 65 or over; and
  - Indiana's 9th Congressional District includes 10 counties ranked in the bottom half of the State's county health rankings, including 4 counties with teen birth rates in the top quartile of counties in Indiana;<sup>4</sup> and
  - Planned Parenthood's Bloomington Health Center provides service to all of Indiana's 9th Congressional District thereby filling a gap in reproductive health care access in the District;<sup>5</sup> and
- WHEREAS, fully 93% of the care that Planned Parenthood provides in Indiana is preventive in nature;<sup>6</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, *Bloomington Health Center Profile*, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Planned Parenthood Bloomington Health Center Data.

<sup>3</sup> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *County Health Rankings and Roadmap: Building a Culture of Health, County by County*.

<sup>4</sup> *County Health Rankings, Teen Births, Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Planned Parenthood Bloomington Health Center Data.

<sup>6</sup> Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, *Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky Annual Report*, 2014.

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a guardian of the reproductive health of women, men and teens throughout the country, a vital role recognized by doctors and the medical community. In pointing to Planned Parenthood's systemic positive influence on public health, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published an editorial in September 2015 whose authors express strong support for, among other things, the organization's work as "one of the country's largest providers of health care for women, especially poor women;"<sup>7</sup> and

WHEREAS, the contraceptive services provided by Planned Parenthood improves the economic, psychological, and social lives of both individuals and communities. According to the Guttmacher Institute, consistent access to contraception: improves the mental health of children; lifts women, children and families out of poverty; increases the likelihood that women will attain higher education; better prepares women for the workforce; improves happiness; and, strengthens family stability;<sup>8</sup> and

WHEREAS, an investment in Planned Parenthood is a wise investment of public funds. Studies indicate that for every public dollar invested in family planning, over \$7 in taxpayer savings are realized;<sup>9</sup> and

WHEREAS, the reach of Planned Parenthood is systemic: approximately 1 in 5 women has relied on a Planned Parenthood health center for care in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the work of Planned Parenthood is accessible: Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky's healthcare professionals offer safe, affordable, and convenient health services; and

WHEREAS, the effect of Planned Parenthood is transformative: access to Planned Parenthood's contraceptive services and preventive care affords women life choices and strengthens the well-being of Bloomington residents, families, and our shared community; and

WHEREAS, access to care provided by Planned Parenthood is a matter of social and reproductive justice.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:**

SECTION 1. As public officials charged with protecting the health, welfare, and safety of Bloomington residents, we maintain that the vital services provided by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky prevents suffering, saves lives, saves both individuals and communities money, improves the quality of life for our residents, and improves our collective community condition.

SECTION 2. The City of Bloomington, Indiana stands with Planned Parenthood and strongly supports the work of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky in its mission to provide critical and life-saving health care services to women, men, and teens throughout Bloomington and the entire State of Indiana.

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<sup>7</sup> Topulos, G., Greene, M.F., & Drazen, J.M. (2015). Planned Parenthood at Risk. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 373(10), 963. doi: 10.1056/NEJMe1510281

<sup>8</sup> Sonfield, A., Hasstedt, K., Kavanaugh, M.L., & Anderson, R. The Social and Economic Benefits of Women's Ability to Determine Whether and When to Have Children. New York, NY: The Guttmacher Institute; March 2013.

<sup>9</sup> Frost, J.J., Sonfield, A., Zolna, M.R., & Finer, L.B. (2014). Return on Investment: A Fuller Assessment of the Benefits and Costs of the US Publicly Funded Family Planning Program. *The Milbank Quarterly*. 92(4), 667-720. doi: 10.1111/1468-0009.12080

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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DAVE ROLLO, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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MARK KRUZAN, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Granger, Sandberg, and Mayer and expresses strong support for the work of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. The resolution documents the far-reaching benefit of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky on Bloomington residents, the Bloomington community, and beyond. The legislation resolves that Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky saves lives, saves money, and improves the quality of life of women, children, and families in our community. The legislation further resolves that the City of Bloomington stands with Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky in its mission to provide critical and life-saving health care services to women, men, and teens throughout Bloomington and the entire State of Indiana.