

At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, September 8, 2008, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

City of Royal Oak

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE STEPPIN' OUT DETROIT AIDS WALK

WHEREAS, HIV AIDS disease has been a serious world-wide epidemic for the past 27 years and has taken the lives of millions of people on every continent; and

WHEREAS, HIV AIDS has been particularly devastating to minority populations and underserved groups without adequate education and resources to combat the health threats involved; and

WHEREAS, While HIV AIDS disease can now be treated fairly successfully with adequate funding, education and access to health care, there are still millions of people dying each year across the globe, including here in the United States; and

WHEREAS, HIV AIDS can be prevented with evidence-based prevention programs that target high risk behavior within populations most at risk yet governmental, fiscal, and religious barriers still impact negatively efforts to implement life-saving programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 new HIV infections occur each year in the United States including half those new infections being among young people ages 13 to 29; and

WHEREAS, many agencies, organizations and volunteers labor each day in Southeast Michigan to provide care for people living with AIDS and attempt innovative quality prevention programs in our area to stop the spread of further HIV infection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Royal Oak recognizes the ongoing severity of the HIV AIDS epidemic and applauds the efforts of local organizations and individuals who fight to end this health crisis; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that we appreciate and support the Steppin' Out Detroit AIDS walk organization and events now being held in our region culminating in the AIDS walk fundraiser to occur here in Royal Oak on Sunday, September 21 and we encourage everyone to join in to the best of their ability to help end the scourge that is HIV AIDS; and request that this resolution be forwarded to all the cities and townships that border Royal Oak as well as our Governor, our representatives and our senators.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on September 8, 2008.

Mary Ellen Weaver

City Clerk