

# **Resolution Supporting the Clarkston Community Initiative**

*“Each One, Reach One... Connecting for a Better Community”*

**Whereas:** The Clarkston community is a vibrant and special hometown for its nearly 47,000 residents which include the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township.

**Whereas:** What makes Clarkston special is largely its small town atmosphere of people who care about each other.

**Whereas:** The Clarkston Coalition for Youth has extended an outreach for the entire community called the Clarkston Community Initiative which seeks to unite all sectors of the community with a shared theme to “connect” with others and to focus on the importance of human relationships with people of all ages to create and sustain the positive qualities that make Clarkston unique.

**Whereas:** Participating sectors in the Clarkston Community Initiative will include: non-profit organizations, businesses, township and City governments, schools, churches and individuals who are striving to provide a safe, enriching, friendly and well-connected environment for community members of all ages.

**Whereas:** The Clarkston Community Initiative through this unified effort seeks to help ensure that youth in Clarkston have the major developmental assets identified by the national research firm, The Search Institute ([www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)), to become successful, happy and healthy adults. These assets include:

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| 1. Support Each Other          | 5. Encourage Others       |
| 2. Invest in Lifelong Learning | 6. Value Everyone         |
| 3. Build Social Skills         | 7. Model Positive Choices |
| 4. Believe in Ourselves        | 8. Develop New Skills     |

**Therefore, be it Resolved that:**

On this day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(organization name) offers support for the Clarkston Community Initiative and the community message, “*Each One, Reach One... Connecting for a Better Community.*” Our support may include:

- Encouraging our team to keep the community message in mind and to be good role models for connecting and reaching out to mentor others.
- Promoting ways for community members of all ages to connect and build sustaining relationships.
- Adding the tag line (*Each One, Reach One ... Connecting for a Better Community*) to correspondence newsletters, email, letters, phone recording, etc. to establish a unified community commitment.
- Incorporating the themes of the eight developmental assets into existing programs and community activities.
- Working together with other organizations to create a supportive, encouraging and empowering community for all generations.
- Celebrating the inspiring local stories about Clarkston community members who are “connecting.” (Submit any story ideas to [www.clarkstonconnects.org](http://www.clarkstonconnects.org) or call 248-922-3004.)
- Permitting our organization’s name and/or logo to be used in the Clarkston Community Initiative’s promotional materials.

