

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO APPLY FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' MINORITY HEALTH YOUTH EMPOWERMENT GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the FY09 Youth Empowerment Program (“YEP”) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced a grant program (“Minority Health Youth Empowerment”) with funds to be awarded in amounts ranging from \$275,000 to \$300,000 each to address unhealthy behaviors in at-risk minority youth and providing them opportunities to learn more positive lifestyles and make healthier life choices; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock desires to improve the health of its racial and ethnic minorities through the development of policies and programs that address disparities and gaps requiring a multi-partner approach involving institutions of higher education, primary and secondary schools, community organizations and institutions, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, grant recipients must address at least two health and safety issues, and the City of North Little Rock intends to direct its efforts toward

- Unintentional injuries (related to water, motor vehicle accidents, alcohol and other drug abuse crashes, seat belts, etc); and
- Chronic diseases (tobacco prevention and control, obesity and overweight, physical activity, etc.).

WHEREAS, grants are awarded with no matching funds required, and it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of North Little Rock that application be made for funds available under the Minority Health Youth Empowerment grant program of YEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for funds available through the Minority Health Youth Empowerment grant program of the FY09 Youth Empowerment Program.

SECTION 2: That the deadline for making application under the Minority Health Youth Empowerment grant program is September 3, 2009, and it is understood that grant funds awarded to recipients will be in amounts up to \$300,000.00 each with no matching funds required.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSORS:

Alderman Linda Robinson

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

Alderman Beth White

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b