

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE DIVERSITY OF IDEAS AND THOUGHTS THAT COME WITH A RANGE OF GENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVES; AND COMMITTING THIS CITY COUNCIL TO ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING A YOUNGER GENERATION OF ADULTS OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY IN THEIR CIVIC DUTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

WHEREAS, this Council understands, respects, and encourages the value to our political process that comes with a diversity of ideas and perspectives provided by different generations of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the younger generation of adults in our community is able to provide unique insights and direction concerning many items that come before this Council, especially, but not limited to, discussions and decisions surrounding technology, education, community planning, and social recreation; and

WHEREAS, the continuity of our fundamental political values and processes is critical to the stability and growth of our community; and

WHEREAS, that continuity can only be secured by allowing and encouraging the younger generation of adults in our community to become engaged in the mechanics of North Little Rock's municipal government; and

WHEREAS, those currently involved in the administration and governance of our city have a moral and civic responsibility to ensure the next generation of community leaders are adequately equipped to understand and interpret the interaction between politics and policy.

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

SECTION 1: That this Council will provide those interested, regardless of political ideology, the foundational knowledge on the key principles and issues within the current North Little Rock political system that influence our City's capacity to complete and deliver public value and services.

SECTION 2: That this Council will commit ourselves to seek out and encourage a younger generation of adults to engage in our political process and begin forming their own understanding of the mechanics of municipal government.

SECTION 3: That this Council will make every effort to fulfill the Mayor's request for each Council Member to submit five potential candidates for appointment to our City Boards and Commissions, while recognizing the value of diverse perspectives provided by our younger generation of adults.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

Joe A. Smith
Mayor Joe A. Smith *→ JAF*

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

FILED	<u>11:30</u>	A.M.	_____	P.M.
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DATE	<u>10-5-18</u>			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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