BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-85-14

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AGAINST EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE IN DEALING WITH NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS

The Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker "Excessive Force" Amendment (Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction; and

Wabash County, Indiana has received, or will receive, a grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to do owner occupied housing renovations and thereby is required to comply with the Amendment; and

The Amendment requires that the County adopt a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the County.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, as follows:

- 1. The use of excessive force by local law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the County is prohibited.
- 2. The County will enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the jurisdictional limits of Wabash County, Indiana.
- 3. The County will enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the jurisdictional limits of Wabash County, Indiana.
- 4. The Sheriff of Wabash County shall enforce the policy adopted by this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, this _______ day of October, 2015.

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Brian R. Haupert, Chairman

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