

RESOLUTION NO. 2505

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE AS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE; HAVING THE SHARED PURPOSE OF UNDERSTANDING POVERTY AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS WHICH ASSIST THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Muskogee finds that many of its citizens are living in poverty, without adequate means to reach self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, the City of Muskogee finds that having citizens living in poverty reduces the quality of life for all members of the community and creates issues of homelessness, hunger, and detrimental effects on mental and physical development that perpetuate and contribute to poverty;

WHEREAS, the City of Muskogee finds that perceptions of those in poverty or receiving public assistance – by those not in those circumstances -- tend to reflect attitudes and stereotypes that attribute poverty to personal failings rather than socioeconomic structures and systems and that ignore strengths and competencies in these groups, and public policy and anti-poverty programs continue to reflect these stereotypes:

WHEREAS, the City of Muskogee finds that the social costs of poverty, strengthening the workforce and building a more prosperous, sustainable and vital community is a paramount public purpose proper for Council consideration of the same;

WHEREAS, the City of Muskogee finds it appropriate and necessary for citizens living in poverty to have a voice on health, social and economic issues that affect their plight;

WHEREAS, Building Bridges for the Future of Muskogee is a community agency, with programs designed to assist individuals living in poverty to transition to a state of self-sufficiency, to reduce social costs associated with poverty, to improve educational attainment and job skills and build sustainable communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1. The City of Muskogee, having a shared purpose of understanding poverty and remediating its effects, is hereby designated as a Community of Practice, and thus pledges to take practical measures to insure that citizens living in poverty are provided with a voice on health, social and economic issues which affect them.

Section 2: The City of Muskogee pledges its cooperation with programs of self-reliance, such as Building Bridges for the Future of Muskogee, to improve the quality of life for all citizens of the community.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF April, 2014

CITY OF MUSKOGEE



JOHN P. COBURN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tammy Tracy
PAMELA S. BATES, CITY CLERK

(SEAL) TAMMY TRACY, ACTING
CITY CLERK



Approved as to form and legality this 28 day of April, 2014.

Roy D. Tucker
ROY D. TUCKER, CITY ATTORNEY