

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH YOUTH COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall Room located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan on the 7th day of January, 2025 at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian is a Prime community of approximately 43,000 residents comprised of two unincorporated villages named “Haslett” and “Okemos”, each of which provides exemplary education to the student populations that reside within the school district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Charter Township Board has the desire to enhance opportunities for engagement, synergy, and collaboration with the student populations that represent our community; and

WHEREAS, a Meridian Township student, Suchir Nagisetty addressed the Township Board on August 20, 2024, and bravely presented that the community’s youth don’t have an avenue to express their desires, interests, and concerns with the Township Board, specifically issues around the environment, mental health, community events, and cultural appreciation. Suchir Nagisetty detailed that a Youth Commission could create an open and safe platform for youth ages 14-19 to engage directly with the Township Board and eliminate the large gap in communication between these age groups with the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board after the presentation by Suchir Nagisetty discussed the establishment of a Youth Commission in Meridian Township at their December 17, 2024 meeting. The Township Board directed the Township Manager to investigate the parameters of forming a Youth Commission in the Township, and to bring forward the required elements to establish one in Meridian Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, Staff have researched youth commissions across the state and the Township Board may establish a youth commission through resolution and adoption of a Township ordinance as all other Township Boards have been enacted; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Charter Township Board desires to establish a Youth Commission to make advisory recommendations to the Township Board and the various Township departments concerning the needs and experiences of the youth population of Meridian Charter Township. The Youth Commission will encourage stewardship, mental health, diversity, adaptability, progression, and

